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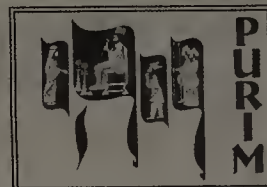
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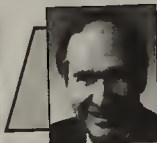
Community Calendar brings order to chaos

Community Calendar: This community is blessed with dedicated members who are actively involved in organizing and planning events. As we enter the season when the number of these functions and events in our community multiply, it is important that we all be cognizant of the role and operation of the Community Calendar.

All community organizations and institutions have been supplied with requisition forms to book a date on the Community Calendar. These forms when filled out, will then be entered into the Calendar and the respective organization will be sent a confirmation, if the date is accepted. It is crucial that the forms be filled out accurately and completely.

Just recently a situation arose where two major agencies booked events at the same time. This was not so much the fault of the structure or operation of the Community Calendar, but that one of the agencies involved did not vigorously adhere to the procedures laid down by the Calendar. This kind of situation benefits none and serves as an impediment to all.

The purpose of the Community Calendar is to bring order to the chaos of scheduling or-



VAAD REPORT

DR. BERNARD DOLANSKY
PRESIDENT, VAAD HA'IR

ganizational events and functions. This is a sign that we live in and enjoy a growing Jewish community. Please take advantage of the existence of the Community Calendar for the benefit of everyone.

National Meetings: I recently had the opportunity to attend the National Meetings of the Council of Jewish Federations of Canada. This is the first meeting where CJF Canada really began to establish itself as its own entity outside the umbrella of its American counterpart. One of the issues that was dealt with was the Canada Israel Committee. It was decided that the Canada Israel Committee is going to be reviewed and reconstituted and a vote of confidence was given to the Committee

as the primary national organization to act on our behalf in terms of Israel advocacy.

As well, the changes in the Canadian Jewish demographic profile were discussed. Ironically the fact that the Ottawa Jewish community has experienced healthy growth in both population and campaign, will more than likely result in a change in the assessment made to us in terms of contributing to national organizations.

As well the meetings discussed renewed efforts in emphasizing campus services and Jewish youth on a national basis. Ottawa was well represented with both Maureen Molot and Lawrence Greenberg joining me as part of our delegation.

UJA Mission: A highly successful meeting was recently held for those interested in participating in the UJA Community Leadership Mission to Israel. Hosted at the home of Sid and Cally Kardash, a large number of people came out to obtain information on the itinerary and program of this exciting trip. The mission this year is being led by Sunny Tavel and Cally Kardash and will take place April 11 - 20. For those interested in receiving more information, please contact Sunny Tavel at the UJA Office, 789-7306.

The importance of Purim: a reminder of where we are

The joyous holiday of Purim is a fun time for kids and adults alike. Masquerades, hamantashen, gregars add to the festive atmosphere. The mitzvos of the day are relatively easy to observe: hearing the Megilla, giving food gifts to a friend and charity to the poor and eating a festive meal.

Yet Purim's profound message ranks it as a day of great meaning. The Sages note that the word Yom Kippur can be read Yom Kipur(lim) - a day like Purim, hence a day of great importance.

The Megilla (Scroll of Esther) begins with the words "Vayehi" bi mal Achashveirosh (it was in the days of King Achashveirosh.) The Talmud comments that the first word "Vayehi" indicates trouble and distress. The fact that Israel lived under an alien ruler, benevolent as he might have been, is regarded as tragic.

We should understand the implication. Mordechai, relates the Megilla (2-21), sat at the gate of the King and was instantly recognized as "Ish Yehudi" a Jewish man, proud and open in his Jewishness and a member of the Jewish Supreme Court. Shushan, the capital, was the home of most of the Jews who had ready access to the mighty emperor.

One might protest, should we not be grateful for G-d's favour, having a sister, Queen Esther, in the palace and a Jew who studies Torah and practices mitzvos holding the second highest office in the land?

Gratitude is perfectly in order, but the Megilla tells us, you are not yet out of your troubles, because you live "in the days of Achashveirosh" not yet in the days of "Moshiach." You may live in what seems to be a free democratic



FROM THE PULPIT

RABBI MORDECAI BERGER
YOUNG ISRAEL OF OTTAWA

country, but you are still in Golus, in exile.

The Jew may lack for nothing, enjoy every liberty. He may be free to live as full and public a Jewish life as one could wish for, secure economically and politically, wanting nothing materially or spiritually. Yet the Megilla addresses him in its opening words, "Vayehi," warning him, making him aware of his true condition. They may give you everything you want in this free country that you live in; they appoint you a ruler and governor, everyone harkens to your every command, but they do not love you. Tomorrow an enemy may appear promising ten thousand pieces of silver to annihilate the Jewish people as Haman did.

The Jewish people woke up from the illusion of their safety net and recognized their salvation from Haman was connected to their reasserting their Jewish identity. The renewed commitment to Torah observance is the highlight of the Purim story that makes it the model for Yom Kippur.

Let us remember and relive the Purim message of renewed commitment in Canada today.

MAILBAG

Open letter to children of survivors of the Shoah

It was with great dismay I learned recently that there was no longer an active "Second Generation" group in Ottawa.

We, the survivors are steadily becoming older - and fewer in number. Therefore we must rely on you to bear witness to what happened to our people. At a time when Nazi apologists (Holocaust deniers) are becoming more numerous, bolder and stronger all over the world, we must educate our young people - and the population in general - to the true facts of the Shoah. This is so no similar events should ever happen again - to us or to any other people. We also must not grant Hitler and his gang a posthumous victory by default.

A nucleus of a new, revived "Second Generation" group has been formed in Ottawa. I appeal to you all, children of survivors, to come forward to join with us and participate in this important task.

For information please call me at: 737-6961.

— Lea Kalin,
Chairperson, Shoah
Remembrance Committee

Dear Editor:

In response to Tammy Stone's article, "Dating in the 90s" (January 31, 1994), I cannot hesitate from exclaiming, "I am offended!" Ms. Stone's naive presuppositions are baseless and without merit.

I am a recent graduate of the dating scene and I never once felt compelled

to explore "inter-dating" nor was it ever necessary to negate my Judaism in the process. Involvement with Jews was no "coincidence" but a conscious choice. My desire to "maintain" religion in all of life's relationships, from chitah business relationships, honouring of my parents, commitment to my Jewish spouse and to the joyful rearing of my Jewish son, is a highly satisfactory "pure and unrestricted feeling."

It is unfortunate that Ms. Stone must relegate Judaism to an element of insignificance and cannot accept Judaism as an ingredient in her process of maturation.

By the way, my summers in Israel and my very traditional Fiddler on the Roof wedding were integral to my Jewish existence and not simply "fond memories."

— Ned A. Steinman

Dear Editor:

As part of its ongoing research the Simon Wiesenthal Center is interested in hearing from individuals who may have information about Dr. Hermann Mass, a pastor from Heidelberg, Germany, during the Nazi era.

Please contact: Rabbi Abraham Cooper, Simon Wiesenthal Center, 9760 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90048. Telephone: (310) 553-9036. Fax: (310) 553-8007.

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ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

Backlash of peace negotiations affects Bonds Campaign

By Alyce Baker

Rabbi Reuven Bulka, head of the Israel Bonds Rabbinic Cabinet for Canada has recently returned from Israel, where the issue of boycotting Bonds and the annual drive held in synagogues was discussed.

Initiated by several American rabbis opposed to the Rabin government's peace policy, the boycott played a significant part in lowering U.S. Bond revenues for the past year. This trend has yet to reach Canada.

When contacted here, Bulka commented that to him there was no issue. People in Israel take risks

daily. It is for them to decide their destiny. Bulka says there is no merit in polding money back from Israel and the issue is not even worthy of an intellectual process.

"The idea of saying if you don't do what we want, we won't give you money, is abhorrent."

Rabbi Bulka believes these actions lead only to recriminations. Already in Israel, Yossi Beilin, Deputy Foreign Minister, has retaliated by saying that Israel doesn't need the Diaspora's money.

True enough. Diaspora funds account for only a very small amount of Israel's budget. Currently, relations between Israel and the Dias-

pora are undergoing change. The country's needs are not as acute as previously. "Israel won't go under without us!" says Bulka.

But he cautions that the Diaspora needs Israel for a sense of identity, for pride and as a secure haven. Jews in what was the former USSR are perceived to be in crisis, what with the severe economic depression being experienced coupled with the increasingly high profile of Vladimir Zhirinovsky.

Measures are being discussed in the event that Jews might be in peril and require an immediate airlift.

Americans unhappy with the peace negotiations see boycotting

bonds as sending a clear message. Rabbi Bulka chastises them by saying, "Don't punish the people. Use a different method to express your discontent. Write a letter to the president."

He hopes a groundswell of support will appear that will emphasize the fact that our love for Israel is not negotiable. "Remember," says Bulka, "money is going to the pocket of our future, not the pocket of Yitzhak Rabin."

Locally, Ottawa's commitment to Israel is rock solid. Bulka does not foresee any problem or backlash in our community.

From 1994 UJA Campaign Chair, Sam Firestone

In a previous issue, I used a graph to illustrate how the money raised through the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa campaign gets distributed locally, nationally and overseas.

Hidden behind these dispassionate numbers are people who benefit from your generosity in far-reaching ways.

Take, for example, a 24 year old Russian oleh, Misha Shmerkin. Misha, a competitive figure skater, made aliyah with his family in 1991 after concluding that anti-Semitism would deny him the recognition he deserved.

That Misha found this recognition in Israel is a miracle. Contributing to his overall success has been Misha's opportunity to practice at the Hy Hochberg skating rink in Mettulah, which your contributions help build. This year, Misha was the first Israeli to enter the Winter Olympics.

Another example of your generosity put to work comes from war-torn former Yugoslavia.

On February 5, 1994, minutes before the mortar exploded in a major marketplace in Sarajevo killing some 65 people, the Joint Distribution Committee, a United Jewish Appeal beneficiary, had moved out 296 refugees.

The convoy made its way through Croatian military checkpoints and through difficult weather to the border between Croatia and Hungary. Many of the refugees are now travelling to Israel to be reunited with their children who were rescued from the war zones last year.

Elsewhere in the Bulletin you can read more about this dramatic rescue effort.

Promises to keep... for life enhancement and life saving. Each and every one of us is a vital link in the chain of Jewish solidarity.



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Now skating for Israel...Misha Shmerkin!

ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

Bikur Cholim Program: visiting the sick

By Rabbi Arnold Fine

Among the commandments, which bring "both immediate reward and everlasting bliss in the time to come" (Shabbat 22a) is the mitzvah of visiting the sick. At any given time in our community, there are many Jewish patients in the acute care hospitals and many more in chronic care facilities, in addition to the residents of Hillel Lodge.

A major element of activity for all congregational rabbis is to visit with those people regularly. The numbers are great and the time devoted to this responsibility is correspondingly great.

We need support and we hope that members of the community will help us maintain links between those in these institutions and Judaism. The synagogues, along with Project Kesner of the Jewish Community Centre, provide some programming but more is necessary.

Some of the synagogues do have teams who visit regularly, but they must be augmented.

The rabbis of all of the congregations, along with

the aid and participation of Jewish Family Services are planning a training program to share the Jewish insights and sensitivities to visiting with the ill and to provide the kind of training, which hospitals rightfully require from those who are regularly allowed to visit patients.

This mini course of approximately 10 hours is scheduled to begin on April 5, for four or five sessions and will generally meet at the Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, and on site, during field trips.

Those successfully completing the program will be certified by the Jewish community as official visitors. The importance of this project is underlined by its support by all of the congregational rabbis and the Jewish Family Services.

Participation in this course is open to any member of the Jewish community and does not require any synagogue affiliation. Further information is available from any of the rabbis at their shuls or from Jewish Family Services at 789-1800. Let us hear from you.



Doing the mitzvah!

What could be more important than talking about the mitzvah of honouring your elders or Bikur Cholim? Doing the mitzvah! The Hillel Lodge residents had a real "hall" when the Senior Kindergarten children of Ecole Malmonides visited. Pictured with student Chizkiya Clinton are, from left, Gladys Grafman, the late Tilly Gershon, Freda Lipson and Anne Sternberg.

Joe Shenkman was presented with a plaque on December 22, 1993 by the Toronto Dominion Bank, Minto Place, in honour of 50 years as a valued customer.

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The *Bulletin* would like to receive notice of special occasions such as community honours, awards, achievements and special anniversaries. The *Bulletin* would be pleased to announce an important event in your life. In addition, if you have any interesting anecdotes of local interest, let's hear from you! Contact Myra Aronson at 789-7306 or by fax 789-4593.



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ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

Gal Chadash ORT

Policewoman tells members the importance of women's safety

By Norma Hochberg

The first meeting of 1994 for the Gal Chadash Chapter of ORT was held at the home of Carolyn Sher-Is-rael. The members welcomed Ottawa Police Constable Cori Slaughter who discussed crime prevention and self-

defence for women.

Constable Slaughter, who pointed out that she did not earn that name but was born with it, offered some very valuable tips on how women can avoid dangerous situations both on the street and in their homes. She drew our attention to the fact most

women can best combat this with a combination of assertive behaviour, personal protection and awareness and avoidance of potentially risky situations. She also recommended a streetproofing course for women as well as other personal safety programs to help

from becoming victims of crime.

The next meeting will be held on March 17 and will be a discussion on body image. For further information on membership or programs of the Gal Chadash Chapter please contact Andrea Arron at 739-7673 or Sue Potelchin at 224-3531.

Na'amat Ottawa

Vigil at Ottawa City Hall supports women seeking Get

By Kinneret Globberman

On Wednesday, February 23, Na'amat Ottawa will host a vigil to protest the victimization of all Jewish women who are not being granted their Get, or religious divorce.

Sharon Gray will be guest speaker, and Mayor Jacqueline Holzman has been invited to attend the gathering, which will take place in the Fuller Room, Ottawa City Hall at 8pm sharp.

The vigil is part of a simultaneous nationwide protest and prayer for redemption, in preparation for the Fast of Esther February 24.

It is spearheaded by ICAR (the International Coalition for Agunah Rights) and the Canadian Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get, the latter of which includes B'nai Brith Women, Hadasah-WIZO, Emunah Canada, Na'amat Canada, Status of Women Committee for the CJC, Sisterhood Beth Tikvah of Montreal, ORT and the Women's Federation CJA.

According to Jewish law or Halakha, divorcing Jewish couples must have a Get, yet only the husband can initiate the process. The Get can be granted by the Beit Din, the Rabbinical court, even if the wife refuses to accept the document; however, if the husband refuses to

write the Get, the wife can never be divorced. Even if the woman has obtained a civil divorce, yet has been refused her Get, she cannot remarry according to Jewish law. She is an agunah.

In many cases, Jewish husbands are using the Get to extort money from their wives, and halakha is making it possible.

Consider this: "I was hospitalized with a concussion after my husband beat me with a baseball bat. The Beit Din rabbis refused to sit in the same room with my husband because of his violent outbursts, yet they ruled that I must go on a vacation with him for Shalom Bayis (family harmony)." Ruchie got her Get after five years as an agunah.

"My husband, who has been estranged from me for 15 years, still refuses to give me a Get because he wants Shalom Bayis. My children have told him they won't say kaddish for him if he doesn't give me a Get." Esther is still an agunah after 15 years.

The purpose of this nationwide vigil is twofold: to garner support from Jewish communities across Canada

to pressure recalcitrant spouses to grant Gets and to shun them if they don't; and to prevail upon rabbis to find halakic solutions to the problem. As part of the solution, couples are urged to sign prenuptial agreements in order to prevent future agunot.

The Fast of Esther, 1993, signalled the beginning of the Year of the Agunah 1993/1994 (5753/5754). It focused on the plight of these enslaved women and tried to make Jewish communities everywhere aware of the grave injustices agunot must endure until a halakic solution is found.

The vigil February 23 is being held to further expose Get law-abusers and demonstrate to our rabbinic authorities that Jewish men and women expect a judicious system for solving the agunot problem.

Please support this cause to stop wife abuse in Jewish law by joining the protest.

For more information, contact Jacquie Sitwell at 727-5163 or Sandy Keller at 828-8901.

Women's Division, State of Israel Bonds

Six outstanding Ottawa women to be honoured

Women's Division, State of Israel Bonds, will honour six outstanding Ottawa women at a special dinner, to be held on Tuesday, April 26, at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue. In recognition of their devotion to the Jewish community and Israel and to "bonding our past, building our future," the following have been chosen: Elissa Liefi Resnick, Myra Aronson, Lea Kalin, Sarah Swedler, Naomi Cracover and Edie Koranyi.

This opening event of the campaign will be chaired by Vera Klein. Committee members include Sheila Hartman (chair, Women's Division), Ellen Fathi, Beverly Swedko, Ibolya Goldberg, and Myra Presser (past chair).

The special guest speaker will be Bess Myerson, former Miss America, who has devoted herself selflessly to serving the public and world Jewry.

Ms. Myerson has been involved with Jewish philanthropies for many years, serving in important positions at the Anti-Defamation League, UJA/Federa-



Vera Klein

tion, Women's Division of Greater New York Israel Bonds, and the American Israel Cultural Foundation. Among her many distinctions and honours, she has been chosen by three American presidents to serve on key commissions: Mental Health; World Hunger; and Productivity and Quality of Working Life. Her lifelong commitment to Israel has been lauded by many organizations.

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ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO

10 Ottawans attend convention in Israel

This past November, the 34th National Convention of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, took place in Israel. More than 500 Canadians, including 10 from Ottawa, spent 10 inspiring days touring Hadassah-WIZO's many projects, viewing historical sites and listening to the words of peacemakers and pioneers.

At the opening banquet Norman Spector, Canadian Ambassador to Israel, extended greetings. Then the guests of honour discussed the fine print of the secret negotiations in Norway that led to the signing of the Declaration of Principles between Israel and the PLO. These speakers were Uriel Savir, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel and chief Israeli negotiator at the secret Norwegian meetings; and Mona Juul and Terje Larsen, the Norwegians, who believing in the desire of both Israel and the Palestinians to meet, used their expertise and contacts to facilitate the process.

The following evening a banquet was hosted by Raya Jaglom, President of World WIZO, to honour the 75th Anniversary of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO. Shevach Weiss, Knesset speaker, and Chla Almog, actress, both graduates of Hadassah-WIZO Canada Hadassim Youth Village discussed the impact of Hadassim on their lives. "Hadassim gave me back my childhood, it was a bridge between the Holocaust and Redemption," said Shevach Weiss.

Other notable speakers included Teddy Kelleck, former mayor of Jerusalem and recipient of the Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's 75th Anniversary award; the Honourable Ephraim Katzir and the Honourable Chaim Herzog, former presidents of the State of Israel; Ehud Olmert, new mayor of Jerusalem;



Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO delegation to 34th National Convention in Israel. Front row: Steven Silver, Ann Bernick, Marion Mayman, Marilyn Goldberg (Ottawa Convention chair), and Terry Schwarzfeld. Back row: Paula Silver, Edith (Buddy) Kizell, Irving Swedko, Beverly Swedko and Shlomo Mayman.

and Baruch Citlis, head of the Harry Karen Centre for the Analysis of Propaganda in International Media.

The convention was more than dinners and speakers. An inaugural B'nai Mitzvah celebration was organized for 43 women ranging in age from 20 to 70 plus. They included two past national presidents, Clara Bainsky and Miriam Small. Officiated by Rabbi Levi Weisman Kelman, this moving ceremony culminated a year of studies.

The closing banquet was held in Jerusalem attended by special guests, the President of the State of Israel, the Honourable Ezer Weizman and Mrs. Weizman. President Weizman spoke of Israel's accomplishments and its search for peace. That evening, the Canadian Award was presented to Reverend James Leland, a United Church pastor from New Maryland, New Brunswick. The award recognizes the

contribution of a Canadian citizen to human welfare and to the common good of Canada and Israel. Reverend Leland's 20 year battle against racism and discrimination led to the implementation of the Holocaust studies program in the New Brunswick school system. He was also instrumental in launching a campaign against teacher Malcolm Ross.

Convention delegates also voted in their new president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, Judy Mandelmann of Vancouver. Beverly Swedko of Ottawa became an Honorary National Vice President and Marion Mayman of Ottawa is National Corresponding Secretary.

In three years Jerusalem turns 3000. Hadassah-WIZO is planning another tour with an unbeatable price and a priceless experience.

Mollie Betcherman Chapter

More trivial thoughts

By Pamela Turner Smith

Spending time pondering the trivial may seem well, trivial to some. In the hands of the members of Hadassah's Mollie Betcherman Chapter, trivia has been raised to an art form.

What defines the perfect evening for the connoisseur of trivia? Is it a small intimate gathering of four to five close friends rehearsing the same tired packaged questions?

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All proceeds go to support Hadassah projects in Israel.

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It's a girl!

Dr. David and Miriam Algorn are happy to announce the birth of their granddaughter. Proud parents are Avi and Miriam Benson (nee Algorn). A little sister for Maya.

It's a girl!

Dr. Alan and Andrea Kreidstein are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter Rebecca Sara, weighing 7 lbs., born January 29,

1994 at the Long Island Jewish Medical Centre. Elated grandparents are Al and Marion Shapiro of Ottawa and Morris and Betty Kreidstein of Toronto.

It's a boy!

Iris Annon and Andrew McGregor are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, Jordan David, on December 22, 1993. Proud grandparents are Miriam and Ephraim Annon and Roy McGregor.

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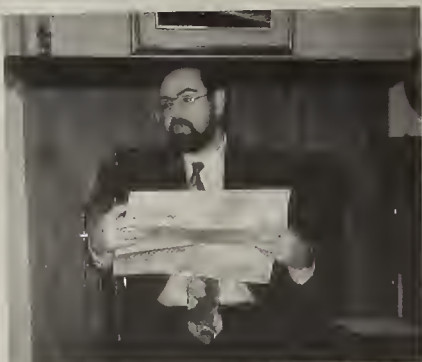
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Guest speaker Eli Yerushalmi addresses Chavarot Chapter of ORT

Chavarot Chapter, ORT

Eli Yerushalmi gives update on Middle East

By Reesa Aaron

Eli Yerushalmi, Deputy to the Israeli Ambassador, joined the Chavarot chapter of ORT recently at the home of Eileen Bercovitch to discuss current developments in Israel and the Middle East.

Yerushalmi's focus was on the peace process. The significance of ORT's contributions to the state of Israel was also highlighted.

A lot has happened in Israel since PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin shook hands on the White House lawn last September.

That day ushered in a new era in Arab-Israeli relations as both parties agreed after a long, intensive negotiation process on the Declaration of Principles (DOP).

What did this agreement really mean?

The agreement means two different things to two different peoples, says Yerushalmi. The Palestinians are hoping it will eventually lead to independent statehood. For the Israelis, it is an experiment. The question, poses Yerushalmi, is can we bridge these divergent vantage points?

Yerushalmi is optimistic that we can. He believes the peace process will work because both parties cannot afford not to move forward. "There's no way out of it. Both sides have no other option. If it fails it will delay the peace process for 25 years. Both sides are sick and tired of the bloodshed. They want to live in peace."

The Arabs have come to terms with the fact that Israel will always be a power in the Middle East, says Yerushalmi. They are only too aware of Israel's nuclear capability. They no longer think they could wipe out Israel. Since Israel is not going to disappear, the Arabs know they must move towards a relationship.

These new developments

could herald in a new era of peace between Israel and the entire Moslem world.

Yerushalmi pointed out that Israel has already had multilateral talks with most Arab countries. Thus, the promise for world peace that an Israeli-PLO agreement would represent is very real.

The main thing to remember, says Yerushalmi, is that the whole agreement is just an "interim" one for five years. It does not discuss the permanent status of the territories. Nor does it discuss other "sensitive" issues.

The status of Jerusalem remains a non-issue at this stage, as does the issue of the Palestinian refugees. These "minefields" will be avoided until discussion opens on them in 1996 when they will be studied seriously into 1999.

In point of fact, the accord enables Israel to implement changes without risking its security. "We're experimenting," explains Yerushalmi. "We're just giving away the small stuff. We're testing the waters."

It is important to keep in mind, according to Yerushalmi, that the Israelis are implementing the agreement from a position of strength, both militarily and economically. "The deal couldn't come at a better time for us," he said.

Yerushalmi urged Jews in the Diaspora to learn what is happening in Israel. "Peace may be more difficult than war," he said, "and Israel needs your support."

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B'nai Brith Ottawa Lodge #885 does it again

Cancer patients travelling to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre will now ride in style, thanks to B'nai Brith Ottawa Lodge #885.

In a ceremony on November 24, 1993 Ottawa Lodge presented the Cancer Centre with the keys to a brand new 1994 12 passenger Ford van. The Cancer Centre operates two treatment centres, located on the campuses of the Ottawa Civic and Ottawa General hospitals. Patients are sometimes required to travel between the two divisions for their treatment.

"The good work of the Cancer Centre is something we feel very strongly about," says Lou Eisenberg, president of Ottawa Lodge. "We have all been

touching by cancer in some way or another, and this gift is truly one that comes from the hearts of many of our Lodge members and friends."

The members of Ottawa Lodge live by the motto "People Helping People" and work tirelessly to provide assistance to the community.

"With increasing cuts in provincial funding we have had to look to other ways of acquiring some of the necessary equipment that we need to effectively function as a cancer centre," says Dr. Bill Evans, Chief Executive Officer of the Cancer Centre. "B'nai Brith's generous donation enables us to provide our patients with the care and attention

they need during their treatments—for those who require it, transportation between the division is one detail that they won't have to worry about."

The Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre is one of eight centres in Ontario operated by the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation. It is the largest centre in Eastern Ontario providing diagnostic and treatment services to patients at its Ottawa Civic Hospital and Ottawa General Hospital locations. It is currently undergoing a \$28 million expansion of its General Division to meet the growing demand for cancer treatment facilities in the region.



Lou Eisenberg, president of B'nai Brith Ottawa Lodge #885, hands over ambulance keys to Kate Merton of the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Centre. Standing next to Ms. Merton are, from left, Bill Evans, Chief Executive Officer of the Cancer Centre, and B'nai Brith members Gordon Viner and Norman Swedko.

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Grade 6 Talmud Torah bowlers. Back row, from left: Lisa Kahn, Tamara Cohen, Katie Fathi and Sandra Zuker. Middle row: Karen Borovay, Daniel Denofsky, Jonathan Saper, Avi Miller, Leor Grebler and Daniel Chodos. Front row: Jessica Beaser-Rosenberg, Melanie Farber, Jeremy Cantor and Jonathan Avery.

Talmud Torah Afternoon School

January was busy month

By Doris Bronstein

The month of January was an exciting time at Talmud Torah Afternoon School. On Saturday, January 15, the Grade 6 students enjoyed an evening of *Bowling and Video Games* at Walkley Lanes. This was a social time for the Hebrew class and a great time was had by all.

The next morning Grade 7 held a "Shouk" - a flea market for the students in Grades 5 and 6. By purchasing and haggling for a better price in Hebrew, the students had an opportunity to use the Hebrew language studied in classes. The activity was organized by Shirley

Schildkraut assisted by Naomi Summers and Deborah Stocker.

The cold month culminated with the warm celebration of Tu B'Shevat throughout the school. In particular, the kindergarten and Grade 1 held Tu B'Shevat Seders. Assisted by moms, Amy Smith, Julia Dietcher and Barbara Farber, each student enjoyed an array of fruits and four cups of juice. Teachers Barbara Herland, Elizabeth Dubrofsky and Noga Reiss produced a special Hagada to involve the students in a Seder with discussions and sensitivity to trees and our environment both in Canada and in Israel.

Education Conference in Winnipeg April 16-18

Jewish educators from across the country will be convening in Winnipeg April 16 to 18 for the seventh National Education Conference at the Westin Hotel.

The theme for the conference, co-sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, Canadian Zionist Federation, The Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education and the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, is *Education and Tradition: Building Blocks to a Jewish Future*. Some 300 delegates are expected to attend the event.

The conference offers the larger centres such as Montreal and Toronto an opportunity to share their expertise with other centres as well as for all those concerned with quality Jewish education to focus together on specific areas of concern.

Winnipeg lawyer Rocky Pollack, who is the conference chair, emphasizes that the conference is geared towards the full spectrum of those involved in Jewish education and continuity, from teachers, lay persons and parents to students concerned about this very important subject.

Full registration includes GST, conference material, two receptions, two lunches and one dinner for \$199. The same package is available to students for \$100. A basic registration without the meals will cost \$95. Registration packages are available by calling Gerry Koffman at 789-7306.

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Stephen Schneiderman: Hillel Lodge Executive Director

By Lynda Taller-Wakter

When I meet Stephen Schneiderman in the foyer of Hillel Lodge, a melange of orange and brown, circa 1960, I am greeted with a reserve that melts within moments of our talking. I gain an appreciation of the challenge staring at Schneiderman each day and of the stamina needed to withstand both external and self-induced pressure to ensure the Lodge "runs like a facility, operates like a business and feels like a home."

Schneiderman weaves sentiment into his work ethic. He is unabashedly proud to be a part of Hillel Lodge, claiming "it's the best organization I've worked for... [in almost 25 years of Jewish community service]... there's wonderful cooperation between the professionals and the board." Still, the daily balancing act for the Executive Director of Hillel Lodge has taken its toll. Compassionate at the core, he has become somewhat cynical on the fringe. Although he listens to the residents' legitimate complaints about the need for more space, there is not much he can do. Similarly he is defensive in the face of family members' criticism of existing amenities.

When he wears the residents' frustration to remind others not to forget the aging, he is labelled "annoying." However his devotion isn't always manifest because of real funding constraints. Disconcerted, he laments, "A person lives at Hillel Lodge an average four to five years. Most of these people will never see a new place." And these people are entitled to a new place.

"It's the best organization I've worked for... there's wonderful cooperation between the professionals and the board."

—Stephen Schneiderman



PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Schneiderman has been talking about a new building since he came to Hillel Lodge in 1985. The "new place" he envisages will have in excess of 90 beds (it now has 48), be equipped with a special care unit for the cognitively impaired and will provide residents with private rooms and additional space.

Hurdles to building a new Lodge are not insurmountable, but at times they are omnipresent. To expand the Lodge to 90 beds requires making a host of representations to the provincial government for licensure. Once granted, a development site needs to be approved. Then the funding issue rears its head again. The government's coffers aren't as endowed these days; and in recent years community support via memberships has ebbed. But Schneiderman is confident he can restore and increase its flow. He

also believes if the community rallies behind the project, the government will follow.

Hillel Lodge has improved markedly since his arrival in 1985, a testimony to Schneiderman's determination and his stewardship. He puts his team first and takes personal credit only "for finding the right people for the right job."

To date, Hillel Lodge is:

- in solid financial condition
- publicly recognized by other provincial health care organizations
- computerized and boasts state-of-the-art health care/medical software
- equipped with sophisticated medical equipment
- administering medication in line with improved procedures
- "painted and polished" at the "as-good-as-it-can-get" level for the facility.

Schneiderman volunteers to have every aspect of the facility scrutinized by the Canadian Council of Health Facilitation Accredita-

tion. Hillel Lodge is the only home for the aged under 75 beds that is accredited by the Council. A Quality Care plaque has a prominent position by the Lodge entrance, bearing witness to the dedicated people Schneiderman is "blessed" with. And it speaks volumes about their commitment to providing good health care.

Two days after I met Stephen, I returned to the Lodge to visit my aunt. I find her in the dining room, seated alone at a table set for four. I pull up a chair. I remain seated without knowing that each chair is spoken for until my aunt's dining companion arrives and sits on a chair substituted by a staff member. She begins badgering the staff for having an uncomfortable chair. To me the chair is pretty much a chair, but to her, it is her pride. I quickly relinquish her chair and take another chair and then another. I am maladroit in Lodge decorum, surprised that there are so few chairs for visitors and disquieted to see there is very little room for the residents. Almost everybody ambles in with a walker or a wheelchair. I sit and stand and sit; move a chair here, move another there until the people around me settle in for lunch.

These are the theatrics of living at Hillel Lodge. I am reminded of the protagonists in Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot* who, on the surface, are busy living, but pine for a different tomorrow.

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Some people we know

We thought the readership of the *Bulletin* might be interested in knowing a little about the client population the agency serves.

The community has always been most supportive of our efforts and is familiar with the programs and services offered, but perhaps would like to know a little more about the people we see.

Bear in mind, as you read the following that this represents only six months of the fiscal year.

The agency is always evaluating and measuring its programs and services. Over 60% of time spent is directed towards counselling services, and services to seniors and immigrants run 25% and 15% respectively.

There are 14 individuals on staff, a little over half are full time. The volunteer component of any service is extremely important, particularly in the Seniors Branch and the Immigrant Services Branch.

As most know, anyone wishing to volunteer time is always welcome to do so.

Finally, the agency has had to face cut-backs from all funders, but service demands are increasing yearly. As in other agencies, we are having to make decisions which are "Solomonesque."

We share this information and invite any enquiries.

Statistical Data

Jewish Family Services

Total number of clients served: 857

Presenting Problem

01 Marital Relationship	39
02 Separation/Divorce	12
03 Parent-Child Relationship	19
04 Family Counselling Needs	24
05 Pre-marital Counselling	3
06 Requesting Group Service-JFLE	2
07 Requesting Group Service-Group	0
Therapy	0
08 Requesting Group Service-Life Skills	80
09 Physical Neglect of Dependents	10
10 Physical Neglect of Self	10
11 Emotional Neglect	5
12 Kosher Meals on Wheels	27
13 Health-Emotional Well-Being of Client	55
14 Abuse (Sexual, Physical Neglect)	91
15 Addiction	5
16 Developmentally Handicapped	0
17 Burial Arrangements	0
18 Bereavement	20
19 Financial	87
20 Housing	4
21 Job Related Problems	40
22 Legal Related Problems	1
23 Guardianship/Custody/Access	0
24 Pregnancy Concerns	0
25 Placement in Agency or Community Resource	2
26 Aging Parents	3
27 Foster Care Inquiry	0
28 Teleshalom	22
29 Palliative Care	2
30 Single Immigrants	40
31 Couple (Immigrants)	34
32 Family (Immigrants)	102
33 School-related Problem (Child Services)	78
34 Family Violence	1
99 Other	47
Total	857

ACCOMMODATION

APARTMENT	502
HOUSE	297
ROOM	3
BOARDING HOUSE	0
NO FIXED ACCOMMODATION	24
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JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

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UNEMPLOYED	48
GWA & FBA	178
EMPLOYMENT	89
PENSION	91
STUDENT	93
ISAP	26
SAVINGS	35
UIC	61
JIAS	14
DISABILITY	8
NONE/SEVERANCE/HUSBAND	7
OSAP/WELFARE/RETIRED/	
IC SELF/CEIC/UNKNOWN	188
GOVERNMENT/PART-TIME	21
Total	857

DOMICILE:

Ottawa	589
Nepcan	139
Vanier	19
Gloucester	31
Hull	12
Kanata	7
Orleans	11
Toronto	1
Manctick	2
Kingston	0
Outlying	2
No fixed address	3
Total	857

FIRST LANGUAGE:

English	607
Russian	99
French	22
Romanian	25
Arabic	14
Polish	10
Spanish	6
Hungarian	6
Chinese/Mandarin/	
Vietnamese	3
Hebrew	6
Somali	5
Czech	5
Amharic	4
Serbian	4
Portuguese	2
Yiddish	1
Bulgarian	1
German	0
Pharsi	1
Other	34
Total	857

MARITAL STATUS

	Male	Female
Single	217	141
Married	215	92
Separated	21	41
Widowed	25	60
Divorced	15	29
Subtotal	494	352
Total	857	

AGE CATEGORY OF CLIENTS:

AGE	MALE	FEMALE
0-19	84	43
20-29	68	70
30-39	154	92
40-49	100	62
50-59	24	20
60-69	18	6
70-79	15	29
80-89	26	35
90+	5	6
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Adath Shalom

Talent Night

By David F. Skoll

Jewish humour and music were showcased at a Talent Night sponsored by Adath Shalom congregation on January 22.

Held at the home of Ernie and Fenya Brodo, about 25 people attended the show which featured musical pieces on the recorder and

guitar, skits, poetry and stand-up comedy routines.

In addition to the entertainment, the evening featured a kosher deli buffet catered by Jack Smith.

Thanks are due to Marvin Zalman and Maurice Klein, who planned the night and to all the entertainers who donated their talent.

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Nominations shall be submitted to the Selection Committee in writing by Friday, March 25, 1994, including a resume of the individual's or organization's contribution to community life.

The presentation will be made at the Annual General Meeting of the Community on June 8, 1994. The name of the award winner will be recorded on the tablet in the Jewish Community Centre building. A replica will be given to the recipient.

Address recommendations to Dr. Maureen Molot, Chair of the Selection Committee, 151 Chapel Street, Ottawa, K1N 7Y2 marked "Nominations for Distinguished Service Award."

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JSU-Hillel sponsors Judaism Day

Elissa Golberg

Culture Chair, JSU-Hillel
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Rejected by mankind, the condemned do not go so far as to reject their turn. Their faith in history remains unshaken, and one may well wonder why. They do not despair. The proof: they persist in surviving not only to survive, but to testify. The victims elect to become witnesses.

— Elie Wiesel *One Generation After 1970*

Remarkably Judaism persists, despite the hardships and persecution. Judaism continues on, able to find outlets of expression. Moreover, it is through the people who strive to maintain Judaism that it survives; they pass on their dreams and aspirations to subsequent generations along with their beliefs and traditions.

It was with this vast cumulation of history and hopes that 'Judaism Day' developed and became a reality. It provided an opportunity to teach both Carleton and Ottawa University populations what the Jewish people hold sacred and dear; it provided a window into the customs and values that have helped the Jews to survive.

'Judaism Day' was held on November 23 at Ottawa University and November 24 at Carleton. It consisted of a threefold exhibition focusing on the most significant factors that define Judaism: religion, culture and Israel. All three combine to illustrate who we are as Jews. Alone, each characteristic is considerable, however together they demonstrate more powerfully the meaning of Judaism.

Thus 'Judaism Day' provided the university populations with a greater understanding of what is involved in Judaism. It was also an opportunity to ask questions and to learn, both for non-Jews as well as Jews — who, as the students working on the exhibition realized, do not realize the richness of their own history.

Exhibits included a general Jewish time line of history and events; and a map and explanation of the diversity of Jewish communities worldwide.

The Ottawa Jewish Historical Society provided a fantastic window to the Ottawa Jewish community, detailing through pictures the growth of the community from the 1890s. Additionally, the Jewish life cycle, and festivals and holidays were profiled. Israel was explained by its centrality to Judaism; for being a beacon to dispersed peoples before its modern re-creation; and as the homeland for the diverse populations who now live there.

This was the first time this event was undertaken, and in light of the changes occurring in the Middle East it progressed almost incident free on both campuses. Many insightful and provoking questions were put forward, challenging those students who were working at the exhibitions. It was a tremendous learning experience for all those who participated.

In fact I would like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals who gave up their time to work on this project: it was not a simple task. Those who worked on the committee were: Meghan Hersh, Maya Gliberman, Faydra Shapiro, J.J. Mallin, Dave Hartman, Andrea Friedman, Lauren Hoffer, Jen Sugar, Josh Stevens, Meir Moran and Aviad Avri. A special thank you to Dan Wolfish and Cecile Bensimon for their efforts.

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CZF's Israel program garners high marks from teens

According to a recent survey of a group of Canadian Jewish teens, programs run by the Youth and Hechalutz Department of the Canadian Zionist Federation are among the best ways to experience Israel.

Operated by the Youth and Hechalutz Department for almost 25 years, these programs have enabled teens and young adults to develop a Jewish identity that may otherwise have been lacking. This is backed up by the survey; almost 84 percent of participants considered their Jewish identity to have been enhanced by their experience.

Results of the survey come as no surprise to Montreal Rabbi Reuben J. Poupko, national co-chair of the Youth and Hechalutz Department. Toronto's Sidney Greenberg, of Astral Communications, is the other co-chair.

"Our programs have been developed to stimulate interest and excitement in our Jewish homeland through a combination of factors that reach inside and take hold of our souls," said Rabbi Poupko. "They provide a multi-dimen-

sional journey, a discovery of one's history through education, exploration of the geographical land and affirmation of our Jewish identities. They're also a lot of fun and lifelong friendships are often a side benefit."

Poupko pointed out that a large variety of programs enable young people aged 15-24 to visit Israel the way they choose, such as on kibbutzim, field schools, in an army environment, in the Negev or the Student Summer Tour Express, which combines 17 days on a kibbutz with 17 days of touring the entire country. There are other programs as well, all original and all guaranteed to make an impact.

"But one of my favourite programs is a new one, Israel on Ice (for 16-17 year-olds)," said Rabbi Poupko, a major sports fan. "Imagine having the opportunity to learn and play ice-hockey in Bretz Israel? That's something our forefathers never envisioned!" Another new program is Cycle Israel, a bicycle tour of many of Israel's major cities and historical sites, open to those aged 17-19. Both programs require certificates of medical eligibility.

For further information contact Rachel Moran, in the Israel Program Centre at 789-5010 or Linda Israel, national director of the CZF's Youth Department at (514) 486-9526.

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ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

Jayson Shore hits an employment home run

Named director of public relations of Ottawa Lynx

By Alyce Baker

Persistence pays off. Jayson Shore will tell you.

A junior at Tufts University in Boston at the time, Jayson came home for Christmas vacation in 1992 and decided to scout around for a summer job. He approached Howard Darwin and Tom Maloney, owner and general manager respectively of the newly established Ottawa Lynx. Shore stressed the fact he was a hometown boy, hardworking and most importantly a baseball enthusiast.

When time passed and summer drew closer without any prospect of employment, Shore lined up a job in Boston and a berth on a baseball team.

It was in May, that Sharon Holzman, assistant director of marketing and sales, called Jayson and requested his help. With two days to decide, Shore relinquished his duties, and the day after school ended came home to take the position of public relations assistant.

As a liaison between the media and the front office as well as the players, Shore's responsibilities included credentials, interviews and public speaking. He was in charge of putting media packages together on a daily basis.

Shore worked seven day weeks, wanting desperately to make a good impression and succeed at all his tasks. He was enthusiastic and showed great initiative, getting to



Jayson Shore

use some of his skills as an English major, by writing articles for the game programs.

The highlight of the summer was becoming personal friends with Kirk Ruetter, a left-handed pitcher and being there to witness his major league debut with the Expos.

As the summer came to an end, Shore returned to his senior year at Tufts and continued to play ball in his position as pitcher.

When the winter Triple A meetings were held in Atlanta, Shore went down and met with Darwin as well as P.J. Loyello the new general manager and Joe Bohringer the assis-

tant general manager. A job offer was discussed and Shore got a call shortly after.

"We need you February 1." The title — director of Public Relations. Shore mullied over the offer. Short one credit Jayson has put his degree on hold until September, when he will return to Boston to complete his education and graduate in December.

Having the time of his life

In the meantime he is having the time of his life. He doesn't consider this a "real job," getting paid for something he enjoys so much.

Besides writing and being in the public eye, Shore gets to pitch batting practices and keep his arm in shape.

Jayson has several long-term goals including moving up through the organization and being involved in scouting, signing talent and player development, maybe even being a general manager someday.

Shore thinks Ottawa is a good sports town. He credits the success of Triple A in Ottawa to Howard Darwin. "He's an honest man and a good businessman. He had a dream and stopped at nothing."

The '94 season will see some changes and innovations to the Lynx.

Firstly, a new coach — Jim Tracey formerly with the Expos Harrisburg Pennsylvania Double A team. "Tracey has good talent and is successful with the media," says Shore.

This season there will be more Saturday and Sunday afternoon games to appeal to families. Evening games will have a 7:05 start to accommodate younger children and also make use of more daylight hours.

Yearbooks will be produced twice during the season chock full of articles and large color photos. Rather than purchasing a program, avid scorekeepers can purchase a two page scorecard for a loonie.

Shore feels the team will only improve this year, what with exciting young players coming up.

"Ottawa has a good reputation in the baseball community at large. As well we have a superior facility. It takes a few years for the field to mature, and our grounds crew is doing an admirable job."

Shore receives many letters for requests and freebies. He can arrange special events, tours, promos for birthday parties, even getting your name on the scoreboard.

To date 4650 seasons tickets have been sold, well ahead of last year's pace.

The home opener is scheduled for April 7, and Shore already has a long-range weather prediction for opening day, "15 to 20 degrees Celsius and sunny."

In an age where young people are struggling for economic independence and seeking steady employment, Jayson Shore is batting 1000.

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FILM

Manufacturing Consent: Noam Chomsky and the Media

Manufacturing Consent: Noam Chomsky and the Media, the most successful feature documentary in Canadian history will have its North American television premiere on February 28. It will be shown as a two hour special on CBC's *Witness* at 10:00 p.m. to be followed by a *NewsWorld* broadcast.

Funny, provocative and surprisingly accessible, *Manufacturing Consent* explores the political life and ideas of Noam Chomsky, world-renowned linguist, philosopher and radical activist. It is a dynamic collage of original footage, archival gems and imaginative illustrations, highlighting Chomsky's probing analysis of the mass media.

The mediated landscape is omnipresent. Canadians already feel the impact of an information highway with hundreds of channels: it's coming at them head-on from one direction — the U.S.A. Chomsky focuses on the theory and practice of propaganda in democratic societies where, he argues, populations are subjected to subtle forms of thought control. He reveals how mainstream news coverage of world events mobilizes public support for the 'special interests' that dominate us through a process he calls "manufacturing consent." Drawing on wide-ranging and persuasive examples, including the media coverage of Cambodia and East Timor, he shows us how information must be 'filtered' to serve the agendas of those

Quotes from the film

When you can't control people by force and when the voice of the people can be heard, you have this problem. It may make people so curious and so arrogant that they don't have the humility to submit to a civil rule and therefore you have to control what people think. And the standard way to do this is to resort to what, in more honest days, used to be called "propaganda." Manufacturing of consent. Creation of necessary illusions. Various ways of either marginalizing the general public or reducing them to apathy in some fashion

— Chomsky

What seems to me a ... terrifying aspect of our society, and other societies, is the equanimity and the detachment with which sane, reasonable, sensible people can observe [events such as the Vietnam war.] I think that's more terrifying than the occasional Hitler or LeMay or other that crops up. These people would not be able to operate were it not for this apathy and equanimity. And therefore I think that it's in some sense the sane and reasonable and tolerant people who share a very serious burden of guilt that they very easily throw on the shoulders of others who seem more extreme and more violent.

— Chomsky

with power. But, as a counterbalance to this daily dose of information-overload, Chomsky encourages us to undertake "a course of intellectual self-defense" to make the media more democratic. He sketches out a vision of a new society where citizens will participate meaningfully in social and political life.

Critic of the press

Chomsky was raised in a lower-middle class Jewish family. As a boy during the Depression he ran his uncle's newsstand in Manhattan. Today he is a fiercely

outspoken critic of the press and one of America's leading dissidents. He has written more than 40 books and according to a recent study, is the most quoted living author in the Arts and Sciences.

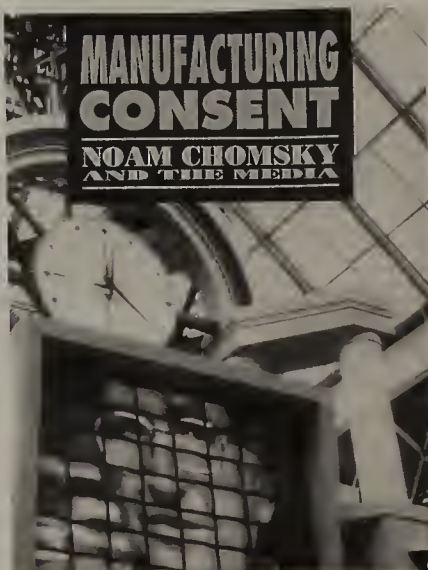
Manufacturing Consent is the first feature film by co-directors Peter Wintonick and Ottawa-born Mark Achbar and was five years in the making. A co-production between their Montreal company Necessary Illusions and the National Film Board of Canada, the film was supported by Telefilm and several Canadian and International broadcasters. The di-

rectors travelled with Chomsky through seven countries and 23 cities witnessing a tireless man challenging, and being confronted by, the public and the press. The result is a mosaic portrait fashioned from 125 hours of original shooting and images gathered from over 185 archival sources. Several hundred crew members, volunteers and supporters are listed in the film's credits.

Over the last year *Manufacturing Consent* has won 12 awards in more than 50 international film festivals. Presently touring theatres in Australia, North America

and Europe, it has been acquired for broadcast by 12 national TV networks. Audiences and critics love it, attracted to its rich brew of humour and politics. Vincent Canby in *The New York Times* said it was "an invigorating introduction to one of the least sepporific of American minds."

Established in 1990, *Witness* is CBC-TV's flagship documentary strand, it seeks to promote new achievements in independent 'point-of-view' filmmaking by showcasing the best Canadian and international non-fiction films.



Mark Achbar

Since 1975 Ottawa-born Mark Achbar, son of Marjorie and Ben Achbar, has applied a range of creative abilities and technical skills to over 50 films, videos and books.

Contributing to many aspects of each project he undertakes, Achbar has, in various combinations, directed, produced, written, shot and edited experimental films and videos, social service documentaries, and corporate productions.

Achbar has continually worked with issue-oriented independent media-makers. Some highlights include: cinematographer on Keith Hladys' *There is a Rally*, on the huge 1982 peace rally in New York; videographer and associate producer on Jim Morris' *The Stag Hotel*, on the lives of men in a decaying hotel; post-production supervisor on Peter Monette's *East Timor: Betrayed but not Beaten*, a half-hour documentary about genocide in East Timor; and editor, researcher and production co-ordinator on Robert Del Treddi's *At Work in the Fields of the Bomb*, a photo/text book on H-bombs. The book won the prestigious Olive Branch Award.

In 1986, Achbar received a



Mark Achbar, right, with co-producer Peter Wintonick

Gemini nomination for Best Writing on *The Canadian Conspiracy*, a cultural/political satire on Canada taking over the United States. Co-written with director Robert Boyd, the program won a Gemini for Best Entertainment Special and was nominated for an International Emmy.

Achbar, who co-produced *Manufacturing Consent* with

Peter Wintonick, hopes the documentary will find a permanent niche in popular culture. "The mainstream press has printed good to glowing reviews partly because many reporters see a lot of truth in the film," he states. "They find themselves frustrated by the very constraints Noam talks about and now they get to talk about it."



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Religious imagination: possibilities are endless

Albert Einstein said that one day, while in his teens, he imagined himself sitting on the tip of a beam of light zooming through space while looking into a mirror he was holding at arm's length. In that situation he asked two questions: What would he see in that mirror? And what would an imagined person standing to the side see as Einstein whizzed by?

Imagination as the starting point for the theory of relativity! Only other innovators might have guessed it. Yet the creative ability to form mental images of things not wholly knowable in the reality of a particular time underlies numerous famous success stories.

There are other claims for imagination. Philosopher Immanuel Kant called happiness "an ideal of imagination." And poet John Keats wrote "what we imagine to be true is true."

Now add religion to those thoughts on imagination. The result is religious imagination in which the possibility of a dynamic, interactive relationship between God and humanity comes to life. Moreover religious imagination opens the door for a unique mutuality and kinship among people of all faiths, cultures and backgrounds.

Check it out in the following two books:

God's Paintbrush

By Sandy Eisenberg Sasso
Illustrated by Annette Compton
Jewish Lights Publishing 1992
Unpaged. Ages 4-10

The Journey With Jonah

By Madeleine L'Engle
Illustrated by Leonard Everett Fisher

A Sunburst Book
Farrar, Straus and Giroux 1991
64pp. Ages 10 and up

God's Paintbrush openly, sensitively and with humour discusses God's place in our lives in everyday terms of wonder, joy and participation. The multiplicity in nature, seasonal change, the full range of childhood feelings, fears and fantasies are all included.

In poetic, flowing language surprising yet crystal clear images, situations and whimsical musings draw children into a one-to-one thought pattern and conversation with God. The conversation is extensive, inclusive and empowering. In numerous ways it emphasizes that we too "can paint with God's paintbrush" if we consciously strive to do so.

Rabbi Sasso's empathy for the marvels and worries that make up a child's world is exceptional. She covers everything from the feel of the wind, darkness, rain, laughter,

God's Paintbrush



From the cover of *God's Paintbrush*

play, loneliness, going to bed, the touch of a parent's hand, the look in a teacher's eye and more, to the special gift that makes each of us unique.

My favorite section begins with the thought "I wonder if the trees mind losing their leaves in the fall or if the snow minds when it melts to make room for spring."

Anne Compton's watercolor paintings wonderfully blend and enhance the magic of each moment and the whimsy of Rabbi Sasso's religious imagination. They make obvious the non-sectarian, non-sexist, pluralistic society that is inherently one of the spiritual themes of the book.

For children and adults alike this is a sparkling fresh "read it over and over again" book with the potential to add new dimensions of feelings and thoughts to every child's sense of self-esteem and well-being.

Madeleine L'Engle's *The Journey With Jonah* is a deliciously witty, brilliantly conceived and written one-act play. Best known as the author of the Newbery Medal winner *A Wrinkle in Time*, L'Engle adds a large dose of fantasy to the biblical story of Jonah and the Whale.

She uses talking birds and animals as a kind of Greek chorus to humanize the prophet's several dilemmas. While retaining much of the biblical language, L'Engle's dialogue illuminates the deeper meaning of Jonah's conundrums not the least of which is his relationship with God and the heavy responsibility of being a prophet.

Fisher's dramatic black and white illustrations help the reader zero in on the setting, movement and incredulities of the play.

For children who enjoy reading plays — not all kids do — this tiny book is a conceptual and linguistic treasure.

REMBRANDT VAN RIJN, ESTHER, 1930s, National Gallery of Canada

Rembrandt was born in Leyden in 1609 and studied painting with Jacob van Swanenburgh for three years. He moved to Amsterdam where he studied with Pieter Lastman and was influenced by the dramatic baroque style. The next six years were spent in Leyden where he developed his skill as a story teller. The Bible stories from the Old Testament fired his imagination. He moved back to Amsterdam in 1631 where he enjoyed a successful career for over a decade.

Rembrandt's popularity began to diminish in the 1640s. The public preferred the theatrical baroque manner to Rembrandt's quieter compositions, and they preferred the realistic depiction of everyday life to biblical themes for they gave him the scope to explore the psychology of human nature. He studied the Jewish population of Amsterdam and used them as models for his biblical figures. Criticism of his art continued, and the public misunderstood the dark moody quality of his paintings to be a lack of linear clarity.

Chiaroscuro describes the technique used in this painting. The word chiaroscuro is a composite of the Italian *chiaro* (light) and *oscuro* (dark). It means the gradations of light and dark within a picture, especially one



in which the forms are largely determined, not by sharp outlines, but by the meeting of lighter and darker areas.

When I first viewed *Esther*, it was like walking into a darkened room and not being able to see very much, but after a few seconds my eyes adjusted to the dim light and I began to decipher the details. The space is defined by a step in the foreground, a chair in the middle ground, and a wall with pilasters and a dark curtain in the background. A maid is combing Esther's long hair and behind her is a

table covered with a cloth draping to the floor. The green of the old woman's costume is repeated in Esther's stockings, giving a diagonal thrust to the composition.

The baroque technique of spotlighting the main elements in the narrative is expertly executed. A gold dish containing papers with writing, a lavish gold chain with gems, and the maid's hand holding a gold comb, all stand out against the somber background. The ample figure of Esther clothed in all her finery is predominant, but the central focus of our attention is her far-off gaze. The viewer is encouraged to participate, first by the initial search, then by imagining Esther's thoughts.

Imagine the presence of Mordecai showing Esther the dress which convinced her of the danger to her people.

Imagine the anxious moments leading up to her heroic decision. Imagine the unsummoned meeting before the king which was punishable by death.

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Purim party

By Geri Migicovsky

The Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation with the participation of the Ottawa Jewish Artists' Guild invites you to celebrate a special Purim event—jagmasques.

The Jewish Artists' Guild of the Jewish Community Centre has a membership of approximately fifty. They work in a variety of media such as oils, pastels, acrylic, water colors as well as clay, fabrics and fino (jewelry.) The group has enthusiastically prepared an exhibition of original masks to coincide with the Festival of Purim.

CICF in its continuing role of presenting the work of both Canadian and Israeli artists is pleased to sponsor this exhibit and sale.

All members and prospective members are invited to attend on Saturday, February 26, at 8 pm at the home of Sara and Zeev Vered, 839 Melwood. There is no charge for members and a \$5 charge for non-members. Memberships are available at the door.

Please RSVP to Geri Migicovsky, 729-0333 or Penny Bar-Noy, 234-7239.

Beth Shalom West

Purim- Karaoke party

Want to beat the winter blahs?

Congregation Beth Shalom West, 15 Chartwell Ave. will be holding a Purim-Karaoke party on Saturday evening, February 26, at 8pm.

Complete with a professional disc jockey, Karaoke machine and prizes for best costumes and singing, the party promises to be fun for one and all.

Admission is \$10 per person, and includes a dessert table. For reservations, call the synagogue office at 723-1800.

By Ian J Kagedan

God commands us, early in the Book of Genesis, "to inherit the Earth and bring it into order." It's an obligation. We have no choice in the matter. And psychologists tell us that our brains are in fact designed to bring order to the world. Even an hour watching an infant observe and discern mother from others, family from strangers, gives us a glimpse of the brain operating to bring order out of chaos.

In the world of animals, "order" is the law of the jungle. Survival of the fittest. But in God's scheme of history, insofar as the human community is concerned, there is no ultimate commitment to upholding the natural order. The natural order dictates that the first born son should inherit a double share. The Torah affirms this principle. But Isaac is not Abraham's first born, yet it is Isaac who inherits and transmits our legacy. Joseph is the second youngest of his brothers, set upon and rejected by them, but it is to Joseph that they all come to bow down, and Joseph is the agent of our people's survival in a time of extreme need.

There is a message in God's choice of Isaac, or Joseph, or Moses, the greatest of the prophets despite his speech difficulties: that institutions and institutionalized ways of doing things are important but not sacrosanct, that sometimes the "natural" choice is not the best choice. Here we are talking about leaders, and our tradition's message is that leadership is a rare and subtle quality and that leaders are not born leaders, nor need they be "perfect." They have to be right for the moment in history in which they serve, and sensitivity to the moment may require the suspension of the natural order. The Purim story makes this profound point particularly well and the customs that form part of our celebration of Purim reinforce the message through parody and play.

Mordechai is an obvious hero of the Megillah, a leadership figure in his time, but not a leader by the standard criteria of the natural order. From the story itself it appears that Mordechai is one of a number of people who hang out at the royal court. As Esther's guardian it's hard to imagine what he was thinking when he urged her to join the royal harem and compete to be the realm's new queen. We all want the best for our daughters but would we go that far?

Haman is a villain's villain, opportunistic, self-possessed, suspicious

A little bit more to the "Whole Megillah"



The king, who leads by virtue of the natural order, appears to be more of a benign glutton than anything else. He exists from party to party and his opinion is whatever was the opinion of the person he most recently encountered.

and ready to kill the competition. The king, who leads by virtue of the natural order, appears to be more of a benign glutton than anything else. He exists from party to party and his opinion is whatever was the opinion of the person he most recently encountered. Still, he is basically fair-minded. So when he sees that Mordechai had saved his life and had not yet been rewarded, he asks for advice on an appropriate reward. Haman's quest for self-aggrandizement becomes the source of his own undoing.

Perhaps the two greatest heroes of the Megillah, each a leader in her own way, are Esther and Vashti. We all know how Esther uses her charm and wit to compromise Haman once and for all, and to undo his evil plans against us. The ends, in this case, justify the means, and the Megillah

passes no judgement over her year in the harem and union with the king (which the Megillah does not tell us comes to an end, even once the crisis is over).

Vashti, on the other hand, gets plenty of bad press in our traditional sources. The fact that Esther's rise to power depends on Vashti's refusal to dance for the king tends to go unnoticed. Indeed, her rejection of her natural role earns her scorn in the royal court and in rabbinic literature as well. But there is heroism here, in a quest for dignity, perhaps even leadership, at least to my twentieth-century eyes. Each generation reads the Megillah, indeed, all biblical texts, through its own eyes, so it's not surprising that we have seen a growing number of Queen Vashtis at Purim parties since the late 1960s, and more so through the 1980s and early 1990s.

The healthy challenge to traditional assumptions — the natural order — which the Megillah provokes is echoed in many of the customs which go along with the day, and chief among these is the "Purim Spil" and the traditional institution of the "Purim Rabbi."

The classic Purim Spil, or Purim play, presented community members or the community's yeshiva students in comical roles, turning reality on its head. Costumes hid identities well enough, with a little suspension of disbelief and a sufficient quantity of bronfen, to let people say and do things ordinarily not said or done. It was an opportunity for creative social criticism, buffered by plenty of humour. The institution of the Purim Rabbi provided a similar opportunity, as did the teaching of "Purim Torah." It is a sign of a community's health and vitality when even "sacred" institutions can be plumed through parody and where sacred or natural assumptions can be challenged.

Coming as it does in a season of transition between winter's gloom and lethargy and spring's inherent potential these messages of the Megillah have special relevance. They challenge us to be creative and open-minded as we renew our vision for the future, to risk alternative perspectives on old issues, and to do this within the context of a commitment to community. Community is our greatest treasure in common. This is what Mordechai and Esther knew, and what they set out to save. It enriches us and sustains us only as much as we are willing to invest in it.

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The Make-Believe Ballroom Opens

Dance to the Big Band "sounds of benny g"

By Estelle Melzer

Big Band music was reintroduced to the Jewish community last November with a very successful debut by "the sounds of benny g," a newly-formed 15 piece dance band.

The band played at the Jewish

Community Centre's Gala Musical Experience variety evening, and immediately had the entire audience up and dancing to its irresistible swinging sound.

The comment heard throughout the band's set was, "these guys are really good," and the question asked at the end was, "where can

we hear them again?"

The JCC has come up with an answer — the *Make-Believe Ballroom*.

The swinging "sounds of benny g" will be featured at a series of dances taking place at Agudath Israel, 1400 Cordrey Avenue, which will be transformed for these

events into a 40s-style ballroom, through the magic of imagination and music. The first dance of the *Make-Believe Ballroom* will take place on Sunday, March 6 at 8:00 p.m.

Singing along with the band, once again, will be JUNO-nominated recording artist Priscilla Wright, who's evocative renditions of classic songs helped set the mood of its debut performance. An added feature of the upcoming evening will be a dance demonstration by the Arthur Murray Dance Studio.

"The sounds of benny g" is the brainchild of Ottawa businessman and musician Ben Greenberg. Ben played professionally in Big Bands in his youth, and has recently returned to his first love, playing in numerous local bands and forming the JCC Concert Band.

"I play with so many talented and experienced musicians," Ben explains. "We all love the music of the golden era of Big Bands, the wonderful music of Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey and Glenn Miller. I put together the benny g band just because we get such a kick out of playing that style of music." Ben and his band members — a mix of young, old, male and female musicians from a wide variety of backgrounds and professions

— are pleased that others get a kick out of hearing them play.

An added incentive for the band members is that proceeds from the *Make-Believe Ballroom* will be donated to worthy causes in the community. Monies raised by the March 6 event will go to the JCC Day Camp Scholarship Fund, and help send youngsters to camp whose families cannot afford the fees. The Jewish Community Centre is committed to providing camp for every Jewish youngster who wishes to attend. However, in recent years, the demands on the Scholarship Fund have increased drastically.

If you enjoy dancing to the romantic and exciting sounds of Big Band music, if you want to relive or experience for the first time the glamour of that wonderful era, if you want to have a good time — and at the same time, do some good in your community — circle March 6 on your calendar.

Tickets are \$15.00 and will be available at the JCC, 151 Chapel; Agudath Israel, 1400 Cordrey; or from Ballroom Chairpersons Sheldon and Bev Dankner, 236-8760. Please call the Dankners if you want to reserve a table for your party. Tickets will also be available at the door.

80 kids audition for Oz

By Pat Neuman,
Producer, JCC Theatreworks

A record number of over 80 young, talented thespians, singers and dancers auditioned for this year's teen production of JCC Theatreworks' *The Wizard of Oz*. Director Jeff Kanter remarked that "choosing this cast has been the hardest job I've had since I got involved with the JCC."

Musical Director Drum Hudson noted how difficult it was to screen so many youngsters out. "This year's crop of those who did not make it was clearly the best ever. It was heartbreaking — but the calibre of the talent in the show is clearly high."

Among those who won lead roles are JCC Theatreworks veterans Adrienne Gould as Dorothy, Josh Dolgin as the Wizard, Eric Dolansky as the Tin Woodman and Laura Pencar as The Wicked Witch of the West. Also joining the cast are Brahm Olszynko as the Scarecrow, Jonathan Gould as the Cowardly Lion and Maran Stern as Glinda, the Good Witch of the North.

Sixteen other teens will appear in the play as actors, dancers and singers. These include: Jordie Caplan, Shawna Eisenstat, Minna Koch, Johanna Neuman, Rosalyn Rabow, Alex Schechter, Ariel Freeman, Melissa Grajcar, Blair Laughner, Deborah Ross, Julie Schwartz, Jennifer Waiser, Oren Hercz, Amanda Levenscrown, Liz Ross, and Stacey Segal.

This year, JCC Theatreworks sought out talented pre-teens to appear as Munchkins. Unfortunately, only 25 could be cast. They will begin their rehearsals in March, and sing and dance in specially choreographed musical numbers. Some will also play roles as citizens of Munchkinland.

The musical-play version of *The Wizard of Oz* ingeniously adapts many of the "tricks" used in the beloved MGM movie. It also includes the wonderful songs from the movie, many of which are still sung and played for their own special appeal outside the context of the film.

This production also includes the "itterbug" number, first done for the MGM movie, and featuring



Munchkins strut their stuff

"This year's crop of those who did not make it was clearly the best ever."

the Cowardly Lion. It was, for reasons of continuity, deleted from the final cut. (Those who bought the 50th Anniversary version of the video can see this delightful number.) JCC Theatreworks audiences will see a newly choreographed version at Centrepote Theatre.

A special preview performance of *The Wizard of Oz* will be presented at Centrepote Theatre on Wednesday, May 11 at 8:00 p.m. at a reduced price of \$9.00 per ticket. Regular performances will take place on Thursday, May 12 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 15 at 2:00 p.m., with tickets at \$15.00. A school matinee will be held on Friday, May 12 at noon, with tickets at \$5.00. Anyone interested in reserving tickets early should call the Centrepote Theatre box office at 727-6650.

Israeli Film Festival set for Feb. 27

Two excellent films will be featured at the Israeli Film Festival, Sunday evening, February 27, at the Museum of Nature, co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre and the Israel Program Centre.

Black to the Promised Land is a moving documentary about the experiences of a group of African-American teenagers from the crime and drug-infested urban jungle of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn at Kibbutz Lehabot Habashan in Israel. Both Israelis and Americans learn a great deal from each other in this unique cross-cultural exchange. The film is sure to be a worthwhile experience for both teens and adults.

Black to the Promised Land will be co-sponsored by Harambee, an organization which promotes self-help and community development among black Canadians, the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Council, and the Canada-Israel Committee.

Tel Aviv Stories is a hilarious three-part anthology linking the stories of three young women and their troubles with men. It was a box office smash in Israel.

Refreshments will be served at intermission between the two films. Admission to either film will include the refreshments.

For more details about this very entertaining evening, please see the Film Festival ad on page 2 of Centrefold.

Medicoffs will co-chair Yom Ha' Atzmaut '94

The Jewish Community Centre is very pleased to announce that Perry and Arlene Medicoff will be chairpersons of this year's Yom Ha' Atzmaut Committee.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut '94, the celebration of Israel's 46th Anniversary of Independence, will take place on Wednesday evening, April 13, at the Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street. Arlene and Perry hope to make this special day a joyful, spirited community-wide party.

The Medicoffs, who were married barely three months ago, are very excited to be involved in an Ottawa community project together for the first time.

They both grew up in Montreal — just blocks from each other in the suburb of Chomedey — but only met in Ottawa.

Perry has lived in Ottawa for eleven and a half years. He works in advertising, currently as sales representative for radio stations Oldies 1310 and CKBY.

Perry became involved in the JCC, initially, because of his interest in sports. He has played on the Jewish Men's Basketball League and Hockey League for many years.

When approached to sit on the JCC Board, he was eager to make a



Arlene and Perry Medicoff

contribution to his new community. He has been a very active Board member, and currently, is a member of the Executive.

Arlene moved to Ottawa three years ago. She is a sales representative for Jaguar Beauty Supplies, a distributor of professional beauty supplies. She is very pleased to be involved with Perry in planning Ottawa's Yom Ha' Atzmaut celebration and invites other community members, whether oldtimers or newcomers, to join the Yom Ha'Atzmaut Committee. If you are interested in helping out, please call the JCC at 789-1818.

M'in Ha'Merkaz



From the Centre By Carol Kassie President, Jewish Community Centre Connections

I am not an expert on Israeli politics, nor would I ever pretend to have more than a very basic knowledge of the peace plan, or any of the other very complicated situations that exist in the Middle East today.

My link to Israel would probably seem to you, and even to me, at first, to be tenuous, at best.

I have been there only twice, first as a university student in 1969, when I accompanied my grandfather on a tour that he had organized, and later, in 1992, when my husband and I went with our children and my in-laws on our own special tour in celebration of various family milestones.

But when I started to reflect recently on my connection to Israel, I realized that it is much stronger than I had originally thought.

The Jewish Community Centre, with which I am so closely involved these days, or, for that matter, what is known as the JCC movement, is totally committed to promoting Jewish continuity through a Jewish identity — a sense of unity and cultural pride — and to strengthening our community's ties with the Jewish people in Israel, and to supporting Israel.

By providing programmes to all members of our community, we provide that link with Israel.

Specifically, we supervise and help fund the Israel Programme Centre (IPC) — hopefully most of you are familiar with it. Shlichim come here from Israel (every 2 1/2 years) and, together with JCC staff, organize Israel-oriented programmes for us. They also arrange for all types of trips to Israel for all types of people — to ulpan, kibbutzim, the army, elderhostels, etc. They arrange for CZE youth groups and any member of the general public to visit there for any length of time on any type of tour. It has been conclusively proven that almost all who return from Israel come back with a much stronger sense of commitment to both Israel itself and their own Jewish community. (Over the past five years, we have been able to send most of our staff to Israel. All have come back energized and excited and more committed to the Centre.)

When you walk into this JCC, or any JCC for that matter, there is (or at least I hope there is) a comfort level, a feeling of being at ease. Here I am, amongst my own people. I don't have to explain, or apologize for what I am.

The Centre's aim is to promote and provide this connection and continuity. By becoming active in the Centre, by participating in the programmes and activities that the JCC runs, you link yourself to your community. You don't have to participate in anything erudite or intellectual — it can be floor hockey, or square dancing, or whatever. But since you are, by an accident of birth, part of the Jewish community, why not JOIN US.

For information regarding the IPC call Shlichia Rachel Moran at 789-1818.

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Guess who's on Thursday night, March 24?

Is it Seinfeld? Kramer? Frasier? Eddie the Dog?
Wrong!

It's Larry Horowitz LIVE
at Yuk Yuk's!

A.Y.J.A.

Association of Young Jewish Adults
invites you to enjoy one of the hottest
new Jewish comics at a

Comedy Night

at Yuk Yuk's Comedy Kabaret
88 Albert Street

Thursday, March 24

8:30 p.m.

We'll meet at 8:00 p.m. at Yuk Yuk's
Cover charge: \$10.00 (group rate)

R.S.V.P. by February 22. Call Esther at 789-1818
for more information and to reserve your spot.
A program of the Jewish Community Centre

J.A.C.S. moves to weekly format

By Paula Speevak Sladowski

J.A.C.S. (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons and Significant Others) has moved to a weekly format, now meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the JCC, 151 Chapel Street.

J.A.C.S., a North American support group for Jewish addicts, opened its Ottawa chapter in December. It welcomes people with a variety of addictions who have been active in any twelve-step program or treatment program.

Members of J.A.C.S. Montreal chapter have been very helpful in getting the program off the ground in Ottawa. In addition, there has been support from some of the rabbis and other community leaders.

J.A.C.S. is not a treatment program, nor does it intend to replace established addiction organizations. Its aim is to bring Jewish people together to help each other through their recovery, while providing a Jewish context for discussions around spirituality and identity.

At the January meeting members felt a weekly meeting would be most helpful. Participants will share their experiences and, once a month, a guest rabbi or other community professional will be asked

to address the meeting.

The attempt to make difficult changes and achieve a healthier and happier lifestyle requires tremendous courage and strength. People struggling against addiction are greatly comforted by the support of others who truly understand.

Knowing that you are not the only one in your community dealing with this problem is also a help. The energy and determination of one Ottawan has brought about the

establishment of the Ottawa chapter of J.A.C.S. Kol ha'kavod.

J.A.C.S. is jointly sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre and Jewish Family Services. However, no mailing list, files or names of participants will be kept. Members are free to exchange personal information with complete confidentiality.

For more information, please call J.A.C.S. convenor Chuck at 567-3030 or 739-9306 or Paula at the JCC, 789-1818.

J.A.C.S.

Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons
and Significant Others

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EVERY WEDNESDAY 7:30 p.m.

JCC, 151 Chapel Street

Yes, there ARE Jews in our community
with addictions!

Join us for support and strength.

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THE 7TH ANNUAL ISRAELI FILM FESTIVAL

Presented by

The Jewish Community Centre of Ottawa
and the Israel Program Centre

A DOUBLE FEATURE

BLACK TO THE PROMISED LAND (1990) 7:00 p.m.

co-sponsored by Harambee, the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish
Community Council and the Canada-Israel Committee

A powerful documentary produced
and directed by Madeleine Ali, an
American black woman who converted
to Judaism, this film follows a
group of black students from a tough
area of New York City as they
experience life on a kibbutz in Israel.

"Don't miss it if you're black,
Jewish or anyone human who
needs balm for a soul afflicted by
too much news of racial and ethnic
strife." (Michele Landsberg)



TEL AVIV STORIES (1992) 9:00 p.m.

This hilarious three-part anthology links the stories of three young women and their
troubles with the men in their lives.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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Come for either film or come for both at a substantial discount.

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SPECIAL GROUP RATES AVAILABLE FOR TEN OR MORE PEOPLE, ADVANCE
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Prices include refreshments at intermission, sponsored by the Canada-Israel Cultural
Foundation and Canadian Friends of Hebrew University-Ottawa Chapter.

Tickets available at the Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street; 881 Broadview
Avenue; at Harambee, 280 Bay St.; and from Shari Ritter at 723-2974.

For more information, call the JCC at 789-1818.

Round the Centre

SENIORITY

What's Happening for Seniors

By Paula Speevak Sladowski

New Seniors' Drop-In Lounge

A new lounge area for seniors has been set up in a corner of the Social Hall at the JCC, 151 Chapel. This room is already familiar to seniors who come for Golden Age Club programs, lunch in the Drop-In Diner, and meetings.

The new Seniors Drop-In lounge has been set up with daily newspapers, magazines, and interesting paperbacks. It's equipped with cards and a cribbage board -- and the teapot is always hot and ready. It's a place to relax in, have a cup of tea, read, chat with a friend, or just sit for a while.

It's open every Monday and Tuesday from 10:00 a.m.

Those seniors who are early risers may be ready for company in the morning. Drop by and meet some friends. It will help take the chill out of winter.

Sandyhill Community Health Centre

The Jewish Community Centre and Jewish Family Services have been working closely with the Sandyhill Community Health Centre to expand its programs and services for seniors. Let us know what services you would like to see. All ideas will be very welcome. Call Paula at 789-1818 or Beverly at 789-1800 with your suggestions.

New...New...New!

A Special Drop-In Lounge for Seniors

in the Social Hall,
Jewish Community Centre
151 Chapel Street

IT'S FOR YOU!

- Resource Materials
- Magazines & Newspapers
- Books & Audio Tapes
- Cards, Cribbage and More

OPEN EVERY MONDAY AND TUESDAY
MORNING FROM 10:00 a.m.

Drop by ... before the Golden Age Club meeting, before lunch in the Drop-In Diner, before Shir-Am, or just to get together.

Call Paula at the Jewish Community Centre, 789-1818 or Beverly at Jewish Family Services, 789-1800.



Do you like to cook?

Are you available on Tuesdays?

We're looking for
a substitute cook/helper
in the Drop-In Diner.

The job involves approximately five hours
every Tuesday at the JCC, 151 Chapel
Street. It's not difficult. You get to
meet new people and have lunch, too!

For details, please call Diane Koven
Poriah at the JCC, 789-1818.

Lecture will examine relevance of rituals

Ritual has been an essential part of mankind's experience since time immemorial. On Thursday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Ely Braun of Congregation Beth Shalom will give a talk on "Rituals: Their Meaning and Purpose in Our Daily Lives," as part of his monthly Omnibus Series on Judaism and Contemporary Issues. His talk will take place at the JCC, 151 Chapel Street, and is jointly sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre and Jewish Family Services.

Jewish ritual practices, Rabbi Braun believes, provide us with balance, grounding and a sense of meaning.

This belief is shared by many experts outside of the religious community as well. In the past two decades, contemporary psychologists have re-examined the power of ritual and its purpose in our daily life. Professors Wolin and Bennet of the George Washington University Centre for Family Research have discovered that families who have abandoned rituals are more likely to succumb to the stresses of modern society. Many individuals regard rituals

as anachronistic relics which have no relevance to their modern lives. In their attempt to secularize their lives, they have abandoned a natural and universal human need.

Many parents, for example, will neglect the effort of creating a classic Shabbat family dinner in favour of the convenience of a fast food microwave supper, which allows everyone to "do his own thing." The end result of this attitude can lead to a definition of family as simply people sleeping under the same roof.

"By ignoring our family rituals we are depriving ourselves of an important source of psychological strength and some of the most meaningful experiences of our sojourn on this planet," Rabbi Braun contends.

In his lecture, he will examine Jewish rituals with deal with the cycle of the year as well as the cycle of life. He will discuss ways of making old universal rituals as well as new contemporary rituals meaningful in our lives.

Admission is free to this monthly lecture series and everyone is welcome.

Kulture Klub cultivates controversy

The Kulture Klub was created to bring together people with a taste for art, politics and controversy. The next get together will take place on Sunday, February 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the Israel Program Centre of the JCC, 151 Chapel Street.

Inherit the Wind, the courtroom drama about the right to teach the theory of evolution, starring Spencer Tracy and Gene Kelly, will be screened. A discussion on the topic, "When is Free Speech

Dangerous to Public Well-Being," will follow the screening, led by Jack Basuk.

A nominal charge of \$3.00 will be collected to cover costs and refreshments.

If there is a demand, the Kulture Klub will meet twice a month and offer a variety of activities, including meetings with diplomats, journalists, health professionals and artists. For more information please call Paula at the JCC, 789-1818.

Come out to The Golden Age Club

Every Monday, the Golden Age Club meets at the Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel St. We have hot luncheons, interesting programs and friendly members.

February 21
Purim Luncheon
1:00 p.m.

February 28
Meeting, "Ask the
Rebbitzin" with guest
Chevy Fine
12:30 p.m.

March 7
Bingo Luncheon
12:30 p.m.

March 14
Meeting, Poetry Reading
1:00 p.m.

March 21
Flower Arrangement
Workshop
1:00 p.m.

March 28
No Meeting
Passover Break

ADULTS FOR LIVELY LEISURE

A luncheon
Lecture Program at
Aduath Israel
Synagogue
1400 Coldrey Avenue

March 17
12:00 p.m.
Speaker: Rabbi Arnold Fine
of Agudath Israel
Synagogue
Topic: The Meaning of
Passover

A.L.L. is jointly sponsored
by the Jewish Community
Centre and Jewish Family
Services. The program is co-
ordinated by volunteers Min-
nie Milson and Bess Rosen-
berg. For information, please
call the JCC at 789-1818.

THE JEWISH OMNIBUS SERIES: A MONTHLY ENCOUNTER OF JUDAISM AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Presented by Rabbi Ely Braun
of Congregation Beth Shalom
in cooperation with
The Jewish Community Centre
and Jewish Family Services



Thursday, March 10
7:30 p.m.

151 Chapel Street

**RITUALS: Their Meaning and Purpose
in Our Daily Life**

Admission is FREE
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Come on down to: The Drop-In Diner

every Tuesday
from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
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For a hearty kosher
meal including soup, salad,
entrée, dessert and drink --
and a very friendly
atmosphere.

Still only \$5.00 for a
complete meal.

Everyone welcome!

PORTRAIT OF AN ARTIST

Featuring members of the Jewish Artists' Guild



SONIA TARANTOUR PEARL

Sonia Tarantour Pearl is an artist who has worked in a variety of media during her long career. She is an Associate of the Ontario College of Art and the Ontario Society of Artists, and has exhibited locally, nationally and internationally. Sonia was born in Ottawa and began drawing and painting at an early age, as did her three sisters. All four Tarantour sisters were artistic and three became professional artists. Sonia studied art at the Ontario College of Art and the Artists' Workshop in Toronto.

Over the last twenty years she has exhibited extensively in both group and solo shows and numerous juried exhibitions. Her works have been exhibited in Ottawa area galleries, across Canada and in shows as far away as Brazil, Taiwan and the Netherlands.

Some of her pieces are held in public collections, including the Government of Canada, the City of Ottawa and the Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory.

Sonia has also contributed her artistic talents to projects in the Ottawa Jewish community. She designed and carved the Ark doors of Ottawa's Temple Israel. She and her sister Teena Tarantour Goldberg designed the cards for the Ethiopian Jewry Committee, and she also designed Ottawa's first Rosh Hashana cards for the Refusnik campaign. Together with other members of the Jewish Artists' Guild, Sonia decorated the telephones for the recent UJA Women's Division campaign, and is currently designing banners for its upcoming special Passover seder evening. In 1986 she was an honoree of State of Israel Bonds as a distinguished Jewish woman artist.

Sonia has experimented in a wide variety of media throughout her career. She started off as a highly representational artist working in figures and landscape. She has since "loosened up" but continues, she says, "to walk a tightrope, integrating my interest in drawing with the freedom and flow of abstraction."

A consistent theme weaving through all her stages is transition. "The work naturally echos my personal process and involvement," she notes. Presently she is working in mixed media and large fabric banners with a focus on the circular, but her main love is still landscape which is now semi-abstract.

Sonia is also participating in the Jewish Artists' Guild mask exhibit, JAG Masque, at the upcoming CICE Purim party. She has been a member of the Guild since its inception and has exhibited in its Genesis shows.

The Singles scene is heating up

Singles invited to "come out and see"

By Esther Schvan
JCC Singles Coordinator

Despite freezing temperatures outside, the first singles event of 1994 drew record crowds to Friday's Piano Bar to sing along to songs of the 50's and 60's with talented pianist, singer and songwriter AVE.

As it turned out, not only song but dance was on the program. A rendition of "Hava Nagila," played in our honour, had all the audience joining together in a spirited hora.

Although it was a weekday, people stayed until well after midnight. In the warm, cosy and casual atmosphere at Friday's, people found it easy to socialize with old friends as well as get acquainted with new friends.

Comments about the event were very positive: "It was a blast!" "We should do this every week." "I had a great time!" "When's your next event?"

The next event will take place on February 20. It will be a skating party on the Rideau Canal, followed by a get together for mulled wine and hamentashen. On February 27, singles will attend the Is-

raeli Film Festival as a group (with group rates), and on March 12, they are invited to explore the multi-level delights of a local architect's home, and indulge the senses with champagne, strawberries, fine art and music. For more details on these programs, see the

ads in this issue of Centrefold.

Things are really happening on the singles scene. Come out and see for yourself.

To add your name to the singles mailing list, or for more information, please call Esther Schvan at the JCC, 789-1818.

Are you a single parent?

Would you like to meet other single parents and participate in activities together?

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- for men and women
- custodial and non-custodial parents

For more information or to get involved call Esther at the JCC, 789-1818.

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a program of the Jewish Community Centre

Attention Singles!

Seen any good movies lately?

Let's meet at the
Israeli Film Festival

Sunday, February 27

Canadian Museum of Nature, Metcalfe and McLeod

For more details on the Film Festival program see the ad on these pages.

We'll meet at 6:45 at the Museum information desk

R.S.V.P. by February 24 so that we can qualify for the reduced group rate. Call Esther at the JCC, 789-1818, to reserve your ticket.



A program of the Jewish Community Centre

SINGLES — Indulge Your Senses!

Architect and Artist Peter Schwartzman invites you explore his spectacular, multi-level town house and indulge yourself with ...

Champagne and Strawberries

Fine Art

Music

Travel Movies

You never know what delights the next level will bring.

**Saturday Evening, March 12
8:00 p.m.**

208 Holmwood Avenue

Couvert: a bottle of champagne or box of strawberries

R.S.V.P. to Esther Schvan at 789-1818.



A program of
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The people who bring you Centre Summer Camp



Gerry Cammy
Director, Day Camp

Every JCC Day Camp kid and parent knows Director Gerry Cammy. He's the fellow with the big grin and quick handshake standing at the gate and greeting everyone on the first day of camp, and he pops up anywhere and everywhere throughout the camp day to join in the action. Indeed, he often seems to be the kid having the most fun at camp. Gerry's love of kids and rapport with youngsters — from his senior counsellors down to his youngest "squirrels" — is obvious.

However, Gerry Cammy wears many hats in this community — even though, as he comments, "I'm losing my hair."

He has a B.A. and M.A. in political science and is a senior professor at Heritage College in Hull. He specializes in Canadian and Quebec politics, political ideology and international relations.

In the evenings he is principal of Ottawa Modern Jewish School — a role he has had for 18 years — and teaches Holocaust studies and a very popular current affairs course at Akivah High School.

During the summers, he has been assistant director of Ottawa B'nai Brith Camp and director of Timberlea Camp at Ashbury College.

Five years ago, he came to the JCC as director of the Centre's Day Camp.

When asked why he, an academic, would get involved in a camp for little kids, Gerry responds with a quick grin: "I'm a people person. Everyone who knows me knows that. Whether I'm teaching adults or youngsters, I get a high out of it. To see a kid swim for the first time, throw a ball the right way for the first time — it's a wonderful experience. I just get a kick out of watching the kids have a good time."

"Having a good time is what JCC Day Camp is all about, and no one personifies that spirit more than Gerry Cammy."



Gale Greenberg
Program Director, Day Camp

Gale Greenberg is program director for JCC Day Camp.

Together with Cari Kerzner, she plans the activities, theme days, trips, Oneg Shabbats and special events which make every day at camp something new and exciting. Gale's imaginative theme days with names such as Balloon Blitz, Western Wednesday, and Crazy Hat Day, are an essential element of JCC Day Camp, and help to create its special camp spirit.

Gale is also deeply involved in the details of running camp — matching kids and counsellors, supervising staff and seeing that each child has a positive camp experience.

Gale's sensitivity to the needs of each individual child has been enhanced by her years of experience working with kids in Ottawa and Montreal.

Gale has been the Ottawa JCC's director of Junior Programming for the last six years, and knows many of the little faces in our community very well. For the last six summers she has also been involved with our community's children as program director of JCC Day Camp.

Gale has a B.A. in early childhood education from Concordia University and trained at the Montreal Talmud Torah and other schools.

Her effervescent personality, warmth and concern for their child help shape the atmosphere of JCC Day Camp.



Cari Kerzner
Assistant Program Director, Day Camp

Cari Kerzner returns to JCC Day Camp after a very successful first year last summer.

Cari, who has a background in Jewish Studies and Education, will be working with Programming Director Gale Greenberg to enrich the camp program with a Jewish and Israel-oriented focus.

Ottawa-born Cari has always had a deep interest in Israel and Jewish culture. A strong Zionist, she was involved in Habonim as a youngster and spent two years in Israel, participating in a social service program and exploring the country.

Cari has a B.A. in Jewish Studies from McGill University and a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Ottawa.

She is currently working on a Master of Education degree at Ottawa University.

She has been working as a substitute teacher for various boards in the Ottawa area, and teaches grade one at Ottawa Modern Jewish School.

"The informal camp environment is a natural format for enriching youngsters with their Jewish culture," Cari says.

"Oneg Shabbats, special Jewish theme days, Jewish storytelling and crafts, make youngsters feel comfortable and familiar with their heritage. Our aim," she concludes, "is to make kids feel that being Jewish is fun."



Jon Braun
Director, Sports Camp

Jon Braun, director of the JCC's Health and Phys. Ed Department, takes on a second role during the summer — director of the JCC's very successful Sports Camp.

Jon's involvement with the JCC began six years ago when he was hired as an instructor for JCC Sports Camp. His easy-going manner and obvious love of kids made him a great asset to the program.

He graduated to being assistant phys. ed director, and in 1991, he took over the Teen Department and the Youth Athletics area.

Jon initiated a number of youth programs which are now going strong. He created the Maccabi Club for sports-minded kids, to develop skills and create interest in participation in the Youth Maccabi Games.

He greatly strengthened the Maccabi Games program which sends young teens to compete against Jewish youth from all over the world.

Jon also revamped Sports Camp, continually adding new aspects to the program. Sports Camp now offers instruction in over 20 different sports. (This year, campers will get a taste of lacrosse, Canada's other national sport.)

Jon looks for and recruits staff who are not only qualified in terms of their skills and education, but who also have that special rapport with kids. Specialty instructors for the various sports are of the highest calibre, often world-class competitors.

Jon views Sports Camp as a place where all youngsters, not just the athletically-gifted, can develop a positive attitude about sports, gain confidence in their abilities, and make new friends.



Dina Migoel
Director, Theatre Arts Camp

Dina Migoel has been director of JCC Theatre Arts Camp since 1988, and is responsible for making it a quality program which provides both skills development and a relaxed, fun-filled atmosphere. She also teaches the ballet component of this integrated performing and fine arts program.

Dina truly brings a wealth of experience to JCC Theatre Arts Camp, as a teacher, dancer and administrator.

She studied ballet at the School of American Ballet and the Boston School of Ballet and performed with the Boston Ballet Company, the Royal Ballet Company and the Los Angeles Concert Ballet Company.

She trained as a ballet teacher at the Canadian College of Dance and the National Ballet School and taught ballet for many years to both adults and children. She was the director of the University of Ottawa's Children's and Adults' Ballet programs and also, at one time, founded her own ballet school, Dancer's Academy.

Dina also has a B.A. in Communications and a B. Ed. from the University of Ottawa, and currently teaches French Immersion classes in the Ottawa Board of Education.

**Great Early
Registration Bonus for
Centre Summer Camp**
Deadline: April 1, 1994
Call the JCC at 789-1818 for
details.

Take Another Look An Open Letter to the Community From the JCC Camping Services Committee

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those parents and children who have supported the Jewish Community Centre Day Camp over the years and extend an invitation to prospective campers to come to the Day Camp this summer and find out what we mean when we say our JCC program "builds great summer memories!"

A questionnaire was sent out at the end of last season to all parents of campers who attended our Day Camp. The response was very positive and we received many suggestions which we have now tried to incorporate into our summer program for 1994.

By now you have received the JCC camp brochure and, hopefully, will take a look at these improvements when making your decision about where to register your child for that special summer experience.

As parents who have sent their children to the Day Camp, we are well aware that you have high expectations when it comes to the well-being of your child. We are trying to meet these expectations with a more flexible registration format, new programs and a staff dedicated to providing your child with a supportive, secure and fun environment.

We feel that there is a real need in our community for a Jewish Day Camp that will strengthen your child's commitment to his or her heritage and Jewish identity. At the JCC Day Camp, being Jewish is fun!

The Jewish Community Centre is dedicated to providing a special summer experience of each child involved in our Day Camp. When making your plans for your child's summer, take another look at our caring, quality program.

JCC Camping Services Committee
Shelley Bovezin, Chairperson
Lyn Lubelski, Michael Gennio

Theatre Arts Camp

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summer!

An integrated performing
and fine arts experience
for kids aged 8-13

ballet
drama
jazz dance
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swim instruction
fun & friendship

For more information call
the JCC at 789-1818

Centre Summer Camp

Information Open House

Sunday, March 6
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
881 Broadview

Early Bird Registration: 12:00-12:30 p.m.

- Meet the Directors of Day Camp, Sports Camp & Theatre Arts Camp
- Learn about our many camp programs and find out which one fits the needs of your child
- Take advantage of the great EARLY REGISTRATION BONUS (with a possibility of one FREE week of Day Camp). You can register and get bonus at the Open House.

Everyone welcome. Refreshments served.

New tween summer program offers challenge and fun

By Estelle Melzer

One of the hardest ages to program for is the "tween," the youngster between the ages of 11 and 12, who is neither a child nor a teen, but an often confusing mix of the two.

The Jewish Community Centre offers an innovative Day Camp program this summer geared specifically to this age group. Explorers is a new and challenging program for kids who will be entering Grades 7 and 8 this fall.

Youngsters will explore the many aspects of their society and community through fascinating hands-on experiences. Each week focuses on a different area. The schedule includes: Week 1 - Our Community; Week 2 - The Com-

munity - at - Large; Week 3 - Politics; Week 4 - The Media; Week 5 - The Law; Week 6 - The Arts; Week 7 - The World of Finance.

In the mornings, campers will meet people and participate in activities in these fields.

They will, for example, have the opportunity to follow a reporter around on her beat, visit an MP on Parliament Hill, view a criminal trial, or visit an artist in his studio.

In the afternoons, they will enjoy leisure activities which they help plan, under the guidance of their group leaders.

These could include visits to a beach or museum, horseback riding, canoeing, overnights or anything else they come up with.

The program is designed to ap-

peal to the maturing intellect of tweens and their curiosity about the world around them.

Explorers will get an insider's view of their society, meet fascinating people, explore their community and develop leadership skills. The Centre hopes to provide them with an enriching and fun-filled summer experience.

For more details about this program please call the JCC at 789-1818. Please note that each camper must register for a minimum of two consecutive weeks and 12 campers are needed each week for this program to run.

If your child is interested, please let the Centre know as soon as possible. Deadline for the early registration bonus is April 1.

Norm Schweitzer bowls perfect 300!

By Samuel Fleming

Treasurer
B'nai Brith Bowling League, Ottawa

A real Superbowl perfect game of 10 pin was bowled on February 2 by Norm Schweitzer during B'nai Brith League play at McArthur Lanes.

Since Norm only threw 12 balls, some folks might say he didn't get his money's worth for that game. However, Norm will find his perfect 300 game to be most reward-

ing. McArthur Lanes offers a \$1000 prize and Louis' Pizza Restaurant offers a \$500 prize for a perfect game. As well, the American Bowling Congress will send Norm a commemorative perfect game 300 ring.

Lanes number 21 and 22 will now place the name of Norm Schweitzer on a special poster commemorating his perfect feat. He will join the exclusive list of only five other perfect game bowlers in the history of McArthur

Lanes.

It was a night to remember. After Norm's tenth strike, crowds from all the other leagues gathered to watch. The cheers grew louder with each strike. Pandemonium broke out after Norm's final strike, and he was engulfed in wellwishes and congratulations.

In the fifty year history of our B'nai Brith Bowling League, this is a first.

All of our members send Norm a hearty congratulations.



Winner Nancy Myron with Morton Baslaw and Deborah Minsky Cosman

It's a J.A.G. reunion!

When artist Nancy Myron won the Morton Baslaw Award at the 27th Juried Exhibition of the Ottawa Watercolour Society, the presentation turned out to be a Jewish Artists' Guild reunion.

Morton Baslaw, founding president of the O.W.S., current O.W.S. president Deborah Minsky Cosman and Nancy Myron are all members of the Jewish Artists' Guild. Morton chose Nancy's paint-

ing, "Fences," as his favourite from among the works chosen by the jury for inclusion in the exhibition. (All paintings, of course, are judged with the signatures covered.)

JCC Theatreworks

presents

The Wizard of Oz

4 Performances Only:

Wednesday, May 11 - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 12 - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 15 - 2:00 p.m.

School Matinee:

Friday, May 13 - 12 noon

Tickets at Centrepointhe Box Office

Tel: 727-6650

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Building great summer memories

Programs for kids aged 3 - 13

Squirt Day Camp
Junior/Senior Day Camp

Explorers Day Camp
Sports Camp
Theatre Arts Camp



EARLY REGISTRATION BONUS: Register and pay fees by APRIL 1 and receive either 5% discount on fees OR - for Day Camp programs only - receive an EXTRA WEEK FREE, if you register for four or more weeks.

Call the JCC at 789-1818 for details.

TWEENS

Grades 5 & 6

Vertical Reality



Indoor Rock Climbing

Sunday,
February 27,
1994

12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$18.00

Includes equipment, Belay certification, admission and transportation

Bus leaves 881 Broadview at 12:00 noon and returns at 5:10 p.m.

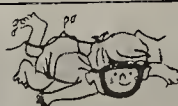
Bring a lunch

To register or for more info call
Andrea (789-1818)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY 24, 1994



A program of the Jewish Community Centre



LIFEGUARDS/ SWIMMING INSTRUCTORS

The Jewish Community Centre is now accepting applications for its two outdoor pools, for this summer. Minimum qualifications needed are: Bronze Cross, Leaders Certification, Red Cross Instructors Certification, 16 years of age.

For more information contact
Jon Szwarc at the JCC,
789-1818.

JCC Day Camp Counsellors

WANTED

You must be
15 years old as of
December 31, 1994

Also needed are
specialty staff:

- Arts and Crafts
- Drama
- Swim Instructors
- Computers
- Land sports
- Music and Dance

The JCC also offers
CIT programs
for teens,
entering grade 9.

For more information
or to receive an
application form,
call the JCC at

789-1818



Gettin' Physical

JCC invites teens to try out for Maccabi team

The Jewish Community Centre will be holding tryouts at the end of February for Ottawa's Youth Maccabi team, which will travel to Cleveland, Ohio in August to participate in the JCC North American Maccabi Youth Games.

The Jewish Community Centre of Ottawa has been sending delegations to the Games since 1986, when they were held in Toronto. Ottawa has also sent teams to Chicago in 1990, Detroit in 1990 and Baltimore in 1992.

This summer, 2500 Jewish

youth from all around the world will gather in Cleveland to share a magical week together. The spirit, friendships, and thrill of international competition will create memories that will last a lifetime.

If you are interested in participating in the Games, spaces are still available on the Boys' Volleyball Team, Girls' Volleyball Team, and Boys' Basketball Team.

Please see tryouts ad for details. For more information, call Jon Braun at the JCC, 789-1818.

Adult floor hockey a hit

Floor Hockey is number 1 with kids at the JCC. Now adults are getting into the act, too!

Every Monday night, 30 big kids-at-heart put on their sneakers, then put on their best moves.

First the older guys (30 plus) fly around the gym pretending to be Mario and Wayne. Then the J.S.U.-Hillel crowd takes over, getting rid of exam tensions with a great aerobic workout.

The emphasis is on fun and recreation. After an energetic session, one of the 'older guys' was overheard remarking to a pal: "You know what, Phil? I just love this game!"

Jewish Women's Softball League

Opening Meeting

March 9
7:00 p.m.

Jewish Community Centre
151 Chapel

Anyone who is interested in participating and being involved is asked to attend our opening committee meeting.

Everyone is welcome.

Teams will be selected through a draft.

For more information contact League Convener
Jon Braun at 789-1818



Jewish Men's Hockey League Standings

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts.
Running Rebels	16	9	5	2	36
Blue Sharks	18	7	5	4	34
Red Devils	16	7	6	3	33
Wild Cats	16	2	8	6	26

Jewish Men's Basketball League Standings

Team	GP	W	L	Pts.
Purple	15	10	5	35
Green	15	9	6	33
White	15	8	7	31
Blue	15	8	7	31
Red	15	8	7	31
Gold	15	2	3	19



TEAM TRYOUTS

JCC NORTH AMERICAN
MACCABI YOUTH GAMES

Cleveland, Ohio
August 14 - 21

TAKE PART!
TAKE PRIDE!

Boys' Basketball
Monday, February 28
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
151 Chapel

Girls' Volleyball
Tuesday, March 1
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
881 Broadview

Boys' Volleyball
Tuesday, March 1
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
151 Chapel

Athletes must be 13 to 16 years of age by August 1, 1994

Be a part of Maccabi '94. The thrill is in the ride!

For more information call Jon Braun at 789-1818.

The J.C.C. Youth Athletics Department
Proudly Presents

March Madness at the 'J'

(for Girls and Boys)

Monday - March 14

1-4 p.m., 151 Chapel



'Fab Five' - 5 on 5

Floor Hockey Tournament

Enter a Team, win prizes

Drinks for everyone

Separate Boys and Girls Divisions

Division A - Grades 5, 6, 7

Division B - Grades 8, 9, 10

Cost - \$25 per team, \$5 per player

Tuesday - March 15

1 - 4 p.m., 151 Chapel



Super Hoops Basketball Clinic

Get some pointers from University of Ottawa Basketball Coach Rod Lee.

Special Awards and Drinks for everyone.

Boys and Girls - Grades 5 to 9

Cost - \$10.00

Wednesday - March 16

1 - 4 p.m., 151 Chapel



Three on Three Basketball Tournament

Put a team together and 'Shoot out the Lights'

Prizes and Drinks

Division A - Grades 5, 6, 7

Division B - Grades 8, 9

(Separate Divisions for Boys and Girls)

Cost: \$15.00 per team

Thursday - March 17

8:30 a.m. Pickup
4:15 p.m. Return
881 Broadview



Let's Get Silly on the Slopes

Spring Skiing at Edelweiss

Grades 6 to 11

(No lessons)

Cost - \$25.00

Includes transportation and lift ticket.

For more information contact

Jon Braun at 789-1818



Just Kiddin' Around



Partici-PACK-tion

The 39th Henry "Hank" Torontow
Beaver Colony, Cub Pack & Scout Troop

Outdoors Are Fun - Even This Winter:

Akela Jack Shinder and his pack have been busy outdoors this winter - skating, family tobogganing, trekking in the Ottawa Valley to learn how to communicate with wolves, snowshoeing at night - and there are still 8 weeks of winter to enjoy.

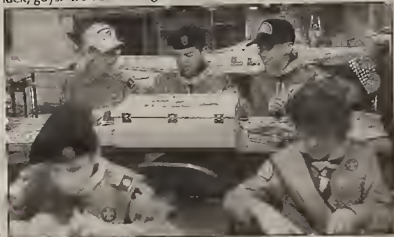
Beaver Report:

Deputy Area Commissioner Marg Belovich was on hand to officially invest Beaver Leaders Ellen Osterer, Steven Prashker and Richard Gennis on February 2. New Beavers Corey Prashker, Andrea Silver, Rafi Brass and Joel Baylin were also welcomed into the colony. Our Beavers have been very active these past months. One of the highlights was their participation in our Tu B' Shvat program with our Scout Troop. Scouter Tom Caplan introduced the kids to 15 new fruits and gave a short explanation of the holiday. Every one took home a newly-planted seedling.

Amateur Radio Report:

We now have a SSV scan converter and video monitor, generously contributed by Howard and Rose Krakower. These amazing pieces of equipment send and receive pictures around the world. Now we will be able, not only to speak to fellow amateur radio operators, but also send pictures. A charitable tax receipt will be given for all equipment contributions.

Scouters Josh Koffman and Howard Osterer are studying for the final exam for ham radio operators to be held in mid-March. Good luck, guys. It's been a long haul.



The wonderful world of model-building.

J.R.T. Hobbies:

Jeff Trudubus, owner of J.R.T. Hobbies and a good friend of the 39th, introduced our Scouts to a great night of practical hands-on model work. This guy has to be seen in order to really appreciate his hard work and dedication. He has so much patience for the kids and creates a positive working atmosphere that draws them back. Many thanks, Jeff.

Scout-Guide Week '94:

As this issue goes to print, the 39th Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts will be participating in an exciting weekend of activities, together with their friends who are not yet members. Every registered member was allowed to bring a friend for free to give him or her a taste of what scouting is all about. The weekend started with a family Shabbat dinner at Temple Israel, planned with the help of Rabbi Tanenbaum, Bernie and Susan Gold, Michael Walsh and Temple members, and included a sleigh ride and bonfire at the Log Farm.

Campfire Songs at Carlingwood:

Do you remember those famous campfire songs at Camp B'nai Brith, Gasher, and Ramah. Relive the spirit at Carlingwood Shopping Centre, Wednesday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m., as 200 members of the Parkville area scouts sing their hearts out. Look for Jeff Fleet's Kiddie Kobbler store, make a 45-degree turn, and there they are. Or just follow your ears, and then open your mouth and join in.

New "Acting" Group Committee:

For the past three years, Marcia Cantor has had to wear the crown of Chairperson of the 39th Group Committee. Her role was supposed to be shared by 6 others, but... Marcia has moved on to other things (but will still stay on the committee) and Ben Baylin has taken over as Chairperson. Joining him are Michael Wollock, Susan Richardz, Len Mader, Gale Greenberg and representatives from the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Their duties will include registration, leader and scouting membership recruitment, fundraising, JCC liaison and financial accountability - all the nitty-gritty stuff that make this program possible. Volunteers are still needed. Call Ben Baylin at 521-9092.

Thank You To: The Torontow family for their generous donation to the 39th Scouting Program.

Condolences To Saul Jacobson, Mowgli of the 39th Cub Pack, on the recent loss of his mother. Our thoughts and wishes for better times are extended to him, his wife Ginger and their sons, Matthew and Philip.

Mazel Tov To Robert "Robbie" Engel of Toronto who became the first recipient of the prestigious Shofar Award for Jewish Scouting. A true friend of scouting, Mr. Engel welcomes all nationalities on behalf of Scouts-Canada to Toronto, and helps arrange activities like the Israel-Scout Caravan visit to Ottawa.

FACT: The 39th Henry "Hank" Torontow Beaver Colony, Cub Pack and Scout Troop is the largest Jewish Scouting movement in Canada!

The Jewish Community Centre invites

ALL KIDS

to the COMMUNITY



PURIM CARNIVAL

Sunday, February 27

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

at the
Jewish Community Campus
881 Broadview

• Game Booths • Prizes • Costume Parade

Live Circus Acts by Circus Delights

Come in your favourite costume and join in the fun!

Cost: \$4.00 per child. Parents FREE

For more information call the JCC at 789-1818.

MARCH BREAK PROGRAMS MARCH DOWN TO THE J.C.C.

WAVE POOL PLUS!

Thursday, March 10

Grades 1-6

The morning will be spent at the J.C.C. with a variety of activities. After lunch, the group spends the afternoon at the Wave Pool.

Drop-off at the J.C.C., 151 Chapel Street, 8:45 a.m.

Pick-up at 4:45 p.m. Deadline to Register: March 1, 1994

COST: \$24.00 includes transportation and admission fees

MARCH RIDING

March 14-17

Grades 4-6

The mornings will be spent at the J.C.C. for a variety of activities. After lunch, the group will head out to Robingreen Farm for some indoor horseback riding.

Drop-off at the J.C.C.,

151 Chapel Street, 8:45 a.m.

Pick-up at 4:45 p.m.

Deadline to Register: March 1, 1994

COST: \$145.00 for the four days includes transportation, instruction and safety equipment.

To register call 789-1818 before March 1, 1994.

Other March Break Programs for younger age groups can be organized upon request.



BIRTHDAY PARTIES

AT THE JCC

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a phone call!

You pick the theme (Batman, Dinosaurs, Sports - the possibilities are endless) and we'll do the rest...

Includes:

- Room • Staff
- Set-up • Clean-up
- Decorations • Paper Goods
- Birthday Cake
- Juice • Loot Bag • Gym Games and • your choice of Crafts or Cooking • Personalized Birthday Banner to take home.

Times: Sundays (2 hours)

Place: 881 Broadview

Cost: \$190.00 (for 20 children)

\$3.00 each additional child

Call Gale at 722-9235 to plan your party. Book early to avoid disappointment.

HEALTH FILE

Your child's eyes — guideline for parents

By Gary E. Bonn, M.D.

Regular and routine eye examinations at proper intervals are the key to maintaining your child's healthy vision. The earlier the visual problems are detected, the better the outcome.

Visual development

At birth, babies can see, but only large shapes and forms. Faces have strong visual appeal. Because the visual system is immature, only bright, strong colours with contrast can be detected.

During the first year of life, the visual development is dramatic. By four months of age, most infants can see small objects and can distinguish between various colours (red and green). The eyes should be well aligned (work together and appear straight) to give good vision. By twelve months of age, the child's vision reaches that of an adult.

Not all children develop at exactly the same rate, but the overall pattern is the same. Because visual development is so rapid in the first year of life, it is imperative that we try to detect problems early.

Vision screening

All children should have a full medical eye examination before five years of age. If any problems are detected by the doctor, then further evaluation by an ophthalmologist is essential. The parents' role is vital, as the "familial tendencies" (myopia, astigmatism, lazy eye, crossed eyes) are reason enough for ophthalmological consultation.

Parents and family are often the first people to recognize or suspect a problem. These concerns must be conveyed to their physician, and re-

ferred to is essential. The doctor sees the child for a few minutes; it is the parent who is with the child most of the day, and their observations and concerns should be taken seriously.

The following are common eye problems that lead to consultation.

Tearing

Excessive tearing and mucous accumulation (pus) around the eye or eyes is most often a blockage in the tear duct system.

This blockage usually opens spontaneously in the first year of life. Medical treatment consists of massage and appropriate topical antibiotic. In a small percentage of cases a simple surgical procedure is required.

Tearing can also occur with a scratch (abrasion) that disrupts the cornea. This requires prompt medical attention.

Misaligned eyes (Strabismus)

Sometimes infants appear to have crossed eyes. The presence of a wide nasal bridge or extra folds of skin between the nose and the inside of the eyes gives a "false strabismus" or "pseudostabismus." This is usually outgrown as facial features mature.

In about 4% of children a true strabismus presents itself. The eyes are not aligned. This requires prompt ophthalmological assessment as the child's vision could be compromised. Some children are born with crossed eyes or develop it shortly after birth. Some forms of strabismus are treated medically (glasses), others by surgery on the muscles surrounding the eye.

Children with strabismus should

have a full eye examination by an ophthalmologist. If untreated, strabismus may lead to a lazy eye (amblyopia) and loss of depth perception.

Lazy eye (Amblyopia)

This is reduced vision from lack of use in an otherwise normal eye. Any condition that prevents a clear image can prevent and interfere with the development of normal vision. Early treatment is essential. It consists of shutting down the visual input to the brain from the normal eye, by covering the normal eye with a patch. The regimen is set out by the ophthalmologist. Glasses may also be required if there is an associated "refractive error" (need for glasses.) Because the vision is fully developed by age nine, amblyopia must be treated early in life; preferably before age six.

Full compliance is essential, as untreated amblyopia means a lifetime of poor vision in one eye that cannot be treated or improved at a later date. This would be particularly catastrophic should something happen to the good eye.

Pink eye (Conjunctivitis)

This appears as a reddening of the white part of the eye (conjunctiva). "Pink eye" has many causes and can occur at any age. These include a virus, bacteria or allergy. Appropriate treatment is essential.

Three common visual problems that may require glasses are: myopia, hyperopia and astigmatism.

Myopia (near sightedness)

Children with myopia have difficulty with objects at a distance. Myopia increases with age and usu-

ally stabilizes when growing stops. Eye glasses will clear the image, but will not cure the problem.

Hyperopia (far sightedness)

Children with hyperopia have more difficulty focusing on objects at close range (reading.) A small degree of hyperopia is normal in infants and children and it is only when it is excessive that glasses are required. It may be the cause of a turning eye (strabismus.)

Astigmatism

Astigmatism means that the eye is not round but is oval in shape. This condition may result in blurred vision and may require glasses.

Learning disabilities

Learning disabilities are quite common in childhood years and have many causes. The eyes are often suspected but are ALMOST NEVER the cause.

Headaches

Headaches including migraines are not uncommon in childhood. They are most often associated with familial tendency i.e. parent with history of migraine.

One cannot emphasize enough the need for early screening and detection of eye disorders in infants and children.

Dr. Gary Bonn is a Pediatric Ophthalmologist and contact lens specialist practising in Ottawa. He is on staff at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario.

Weizmann Institute

Key protein in allergic reaction found

REHOVOT, Israel — A protein essential to an allergic reaction has been identified by Weizmann Institute scientists. When the action of this protein is blocked, so is the allergic response.

In a study appearing in the December 3 issue of *Science*, the researchers report that the protein referred to as G13 contributes to the release of chemicals from mast cells, a component of connective tissue. G13 belongs to the family of G proteins, other members of which are known to transfer

hormone signals into cells.

When exposed to an allergy-causing substance, mast cells release histamine and other chemicals that trigger swelling, itching and other familiar signs of allergy. When scientists blocked the action of G13 in a test tube, the secretion of histamine from mast cells practically stopped.

This finding helps clarify the mechanism underlying allergy and may one day allow researchers to control allergic reactions.



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FOOD

The vodka is coming, the kosher vodka is coming

BERLIN (JTA) — Have a hankering for some kosher vodka?

Within a year, vodka drinkers in North America will be able to order up a kosher version of the drink manufactured in, of all places, the former East Germany.

The Nissenbaums, a western German Jewish family that has made kosher vodka a necessity in Poland, has now begun producing the drink in Germany.

The family plans to begin exporting its kosher vodka to the United States and Canada beginning in 1995. This year, the family is concentrating on expanding its presence in Germany and Western Europe.

Along with four varieties of kosher vodka, the family produces two after-dinner liqueurs and is planning to produce a line of kosher-for-Passover vodkas.

Located in a town halfway between Berlin and Hanover, the family-owned factory produces what it maintains is Germany's first kosher vodka.

The drink is made at the former Communist-government-owned Abthof spirits factory, which the Nissenbaums, together with a senior manager at the plant, took over after industry was privatized in the former East Germany.

So what is not kosher about other brands of vodka?

Gideon Nissenbaum, a partowner of the factory, said other distilleries burn vodka from mixed grains and do not take special hygienic precautions required for making kosher vodka.

Additionally, the Nissenbaums only use kosher yeast, Nissenbaum says several factories use yeast from animal fat.

All bottles of the Nissenbaum kosher vodka carry a seal of kashrut approval signed by Rabbi D. Weisz of the Orthodox Rabbinate in Berlin.

The Nissenbaums make four brands of kosher vodka. One of them — Anatevka, which is made from wheat — is the best-known brand here, possibly because the Broadway musical *Fiddler on the Roof* is here called *Anatevka*, after the village where the story takes place.

There is another brand known as Jon Telf — pronounced like the Yiddish form of "Yom Tov" (holiday) but which most Germans pronounce like John Telf, as though it were somebody's name.

This brand is made from potatoes and topped off with buffalo grass, a grain that grows on the Polish-Russian border.

The company also brews a Chanukah vodka, which is made from potatoes and topped off with herbs.

These vodkas all contain 40 percent alcohol.

But if that is too weak for your tastes, try the Purim version, which contains 50 percent alcohol.

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"We want to make Jewish culture known via vodka," said Gideon Nissenbaum.

The Nissenbaums, although not big vodka drinkers themselves, have experience in the business.

Gideon's father, Zygmunt, is a well-known member of the German Jewish community. The elder Nissenbaum was born in Poland and spent World War II in several concentration camps.

During the 1980s he established the Family Nissenbaum Foundation in Poland to preserve Jewish cultural treasures there, particularly to restore and preserve Jewish cemeteries in Poland.

To keep the foundation running, he set up a joint venture with Poland's former Communist government, which operated a distillery business.

After much research, Gideon Nissenbaum stumbled upon an old Polish recipe for kosher vodka. The drink soon became an astounding success, and many non-Jewish Poles became convinced it was the only way to go.

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KASHRUT KORNER



In the last kashrut column a number of hechshers were identified, but the symbols did not appear. Here, for your information, are these symbols:



With growing interest in kashrut there has been an increase in kosher food available in local supermarkets. In addition, there are Ottawans who, from time to time, purchase kosher food in the United States. There are a variety of kashrut symbols widely recognized in North America, among them: the "O/K" from the Organized Kashrus Laboratories of Brooklyn; the "Rof K" Kosher Supervision Service of Teaneck, New Jersey and the CRC, the Chicago Rabbinical Council.

But do all products require a hechsher? In fact, there are certain categories of products that do not require supervision for them to be kosher. The following is a list of products identified by the Chicago Rabbinical Council as not requiring certification to be considered kosher. At the same time, there are certain constraints that need to be observed in the purchase of these products and these are noted in brackets.

On the list are: baking powder; baking soda; dried beans; butter; coffee (note that this is unflavored coffee only); coffee whitener (though consumers should check that it is pareve); eggs (which must be checked before using to ascertain that the yolks are free of any blood spots); fresh fish (if purchased whole with the skin on); flour (all purpose and pastry); frozen fruits; pure fruit juices (except grape); nutmeats (raw); olives (water packed only); popping corn (without oil or flavours); rice (without seasoning packets); sugar; pure tea; canned vegetables (which must be packed in water; note that beans are an exception); fresh vegetables; frozen vegetables (without sauces.)

Members of the community with specific questions about the acceptability of products should ask their rabbi. Also questions on kashrut can be submitted to the Bulletin's Kashrut Korner to be answered.

As part of its commitment to enhancing Kashrut in Ottawa, the Ottawa Vaad Hakashrut has decided to open some of its meetings to members of the community so that those with concerns about kashrut can have their questions answered. To this end, the Ottawa Vaad Hakashrut invites interested members to a forum on kashrut to be held in the Adult Lounge at 151 Chapel Street, on March 3 at 7pm. Please join us for what we expect will be the first of a number of useful dialogues on kashrut.



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FOOD

Cooking up a storm for Passover

Passover is fast approaching. Out come the loose leaf, cookbooks and old family recipes. The phone starts ringing and everyone decides what part of the meal they'll contribute.

Each year we vow to cut down on courses and quantity; we serve one less soup and one less appetizer, but there's still enough for an army! I think the best part of the holiday is all of us congregating in the kitchen and cooking up a storm! It's a challenging culinary feat, but every year seems to be better than the one before.

Have a very Happy Pesach!!!

Stuffed Chicken Breasts

14 chicken breast halves, deboned, skin left on
 ½ cup parve margarine
 2 large sweet potatoes, cubed
 2 medium red onions, chopped
 2 cups pitted prunes, chopped
 ½ cup dark seedless raisins
 ½ tsp. cinnamon
 4 matzos, coarsely crushed
 2 Tbsp. grated orange rind
 Salt to taste
 Freshly ground pepper
 Garlic powder to taste

Melt margarine in large frying pan. Add sweet potatoes and onions and cook about 10 minutes or until almost tender. Remove from heat. Stir in prunes, raisins, orange rind, cinnamon and matzos. Mix well. Ease skin away from one side of breast. Spoon stuffing between skin and chicken, leaving 2 sides intact. Fold ends under to make small pillows. Place chicken in greased baking dish. Sprinkle with seasonings. Roast uncovered at 375 degrees for 60 minutes, basting with pan juices after 40 minutes and twice more until done. Serves 7-10. Leftovers are wonderful the next day sliced and served at room temperature.

Microwaved Cranberry Relish

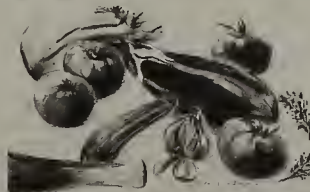
2 medium oranges
 1 lb. fresh cranberries
 2 cups sugar
 1 cup chopped nuts

Quarter oranges and process until chopped. Place in microwave dish along with cranberries, sugar and nuts. Cook on HIGH for 15-20 minutes or until cran-



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berries are soft. Stir several times. Store in fridge. Serves 10.

Note: Can be cooked slowly on top of the stove in a non-aluminum pot. Stir often to prevent burning.

Braised Carrots and Oranges

2 lbs. baby carrots, peeled
 1 cup chopped onion
 ¼ cup oil
 1 cup water
 2 Tbsp. sugar
 2 tsp. lemon juice
 ¼ tsp. salt
 ¼ tsp. pepper
 1½ cups drained mandarin orange sections
 ¼ cup orange juice

Combine all ingredients in saucepan. If you can't find baby carrots, peel and slice larger carrots, diagonally in ¼" slices. Simmer, uncovered, on low for 15 minutes, stirring frequently. Cover and simmer 5-10 minutes more or until carrots are tender. Serves 6-8. Can be doubled or tripled. If making ahead, simmer for 15 minutes. Leave at room temperature until before serving, then cook the rest of the time needed. Don't cook in aluminum pan.

Potato Kugel

¼ cup oil
 4 large potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
 2 large onions, chopped finely
 3 eggs
 ½ tsp. salt
 ¼ tsp. pepper
 ¼ cup potato starch

Place oil in 8" square pyrex. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Place pan in oven and heat until oil is very hot, about 5 minutes. Meanwhile, grate potatoes. Rinse in colander under cold water. Drain well and squeeze all water out (this keeps kugel from turning green!). Chop onion finely. Add to potatoes. Mix in remaining ingredients. Add 3 Tbsp. of the hot oil from pan. Mix well. Pour into pan and bake uncovered for 1 hour or until brown and crispy, brushing with some of the oil bubbling on the sides of pan. Don't freeze. Don't double recipe, but make as many 8" square ones as needed. They bake better in smaller pans.

Microwaved Ratatouille

1 medium eggplant, peeled and cut into ½" cubes
 1 large green pepper, cut into strips
 1 large onion, diced
 3 Tbsp. oil
 2 cloves minced garlic
 2 zucchini, sliced ¼" thick
 3 ripe tomatoes, sliced into wedges
 2 tsp. chopped parsley
 1 tsp. basil
 1 tsp. salt
 ½ tsp. pepper

In large microwave casserole, mix together eggplant, green pepper, onion, oil and garlic. Cover. Microwave on HIGH for 6 minutes. Stir in zucchini. Cover and microwave 6 minutes on HIGH. Stir in tomatoes and spices. Cover and microwave 10 minutes or until tender. Can be made ahead and reheated or served at room temperature.

Note: Can be cooked conventionally on top of the stove over low heat. Stir often to prevent burning. Spices might have to be adjusted.

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FOCUS ON FINANCE**Filing for protection from creditors****By Leonard Cogan, C.A.**

As a result of current economic conditions, many businesses were forced to make drastic cuts in several areas of their operations in order to return to profitability. These cuts included reducing the number of staff and payroll costs as well as various overhead expenses. Even though new marketing techniques have been developed to increase sales, the company, however, may still face the lingering problem of its heavy debt load, together with some undesirable locations, that could prevent a return to profitability.

As a result of the amendments to the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act on June 23, 1992, it is now easier for companies to request protection from creditors. The newly amended act provides a company in financial difficulty with a 30 day period to be able to negotiate more favourable terms of repayment with its various secured and unsecured creditors. All legal actions and collection procedures against the company are put on hold during this period. Therefore, a creditor, whether secured, unsecured or preferred, cannot force payment or execute any judgement against the company. It should be noted that Revenue Canada cannot force payment of unpaid tax deductions at source and unpaid GST during this time. It may also be possible to extend this 30 day period if it is deemed by the trustee and approved by the court that additional time is required to formulate a plan of repayment to the creditors.

During this 30 day period, a proposal, usually to the unsecured creditors, would be prepared requesting a reduction of the amount payable to them. The settlement will be based upon the projected income and cash flow of the company. It is not uncommon for unsecured creditors to accept an amount as low as 15% to 20% of the total owed, payable over a period of one to two years as full and final settlement of their claims against the company. Usually, creditors will vote in favour of the proposal provided they believe that the company or the principals have

not acted improperly in any way. Naturally, they would also have to believe that the company will be successful in the future and that its projections and cash flow are reasonable. A cash injection by the shareholders would also boost creditor confidence and would demonstrate that they are committed to the success of the company.

In order for the proposal to be accepted, it is necessary to achieve a majority in number and at least 2/3 in dollar value for each class of creditors who have voted for the proposal. If the proposal is made only to the unsecured creditors, then it is only this group of creditors who would vote. It should also be mentioned, that the company will automatically be declared bankrupt if the vote is unsuccessful.

As previously noted, there may be some unwanted locations that would affect the company's return to profitability. Under the newly amended Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act, a company can terminate a lease simply by paying six months rent to the landlord.

The following illustration compares a company's balance sheet before it files a proposal with the company's balance sheet after the proposal is accepted by the unsecured creditors. It is assumed that the unsecured creditors have accepted a 20% settlement of their claims, payable over an 18 month period.

	Before Proposal	After Proposal
Assets		
Accounts receivable	\$200,000	\$200,000
Merchandise inventory	300,000	300,000
Total current assets	500,000	500,000
Furniture & equipment	50,000	50,000
Total assets	\$550,000	\$550,000
Liabilities		
Bank loan	\$150,000	\$150,000
Accounts payable	600,000	120,000
Total liabilities	\$750,000	\$270,000

Shareholder's equity	\$1,000	\$1,000
Share capital	(201,000)	279,000
Surplus (deficit)	=====	=====
Total shareholder's equity (Deficit)	(200,000)	280,000
	=====	=====
	\$550,000	\$550,000
	=====	=====

You will note that the company had an accumulated deficit of \$210,000 before the proposal. It also had total liabilities of \$750,000 and certainly could not generate sufficient cash to meet the demands of the trade creditors who are owed \$600,000.

After the proposal is accepted the deficit is converted to an equity of \$279,000 and the accounts payable reduced to \$120,000, thus improving the company's equity position by \$480,000. The company is now in a position to generate, through the sale of merchandise inventory, sufficient cash to cover the payables of \$120,000.

As previously mentioned, the payables will be paid over 18 months enabling the company to purchase new inventory with the cash generated.

All companies should be aware that before embarking on a proposal to their creditors they should thoroughly discuss their financial situation with professional advisors. Each company's situation is different and should be addressed on its own merits.

In summary, although many companies have been able to correct their operating problems, they have not been able to succeed because of the remaining debt load. With the newly amended Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act, it may now be possible to alleviate this problem and therefore ensure the success of the business venture.

Leonard Cogan is the senior partner in the accounting firm of Cogan and Partners.

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SPECIAL

Remembrances of Janusz Korczak: a childhood in Warsaw revisited

By David Gluzman

It is a special experience to visit the places which are etched in the childhood memories of a parent. I was fortunate to have this opportunity this past July, when I travelled with my father, Leon Gluzman, to his birthplace of Warsaw. At the request of the Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers, my father was asked to speak about his early years with Janusz Korczak.

It was only out of love and respect for Korczak that my father returned to Poland; no other cause would have motivated him to travel to this country where his family and over 3,000,000 Jews were murdered by the Nazis. He went out of a responsibility to share his memories of a man who was an important father figure and role model during his early childhood years.

Born Henryk Goldszmit in 1878, Korczak's parents were among a large group of Jewish families who had become assimilated into the Polish community. He left a successful medical practice in 1910 to pursue his interests in literature and to fulfill his passion for education and children's rights.

By the year 1930, despite the prevailing conservative nature of the country, he achieved legendary status for his revolutionary views on the education and care of children. He published educational essays such as *How to Love a Child* and was heard on radio under the pseudonym "The Old Doctor." In the midst of rising anti-Semitism, Polish radio terminated his program when it was discovered that the Old Doctor was Korczak.

Korczak's greatest passion was the establishment of two orphanages in Warsaw — one for Catholic children and one for Jewish children at 92 Krochmalna, which my father entered at the tender age of five. Korczak's orphanage became his home when his father died suddenly and his mother was unable to continue to care for him and his sister. He would continue to live in this orphanage for 6 and 1/2 years under the care of Korczak and his aide, Stefa Wilczinska.

While economic and social conditions outside the orphanage were bleak and uncertain, 92 Krochmalna would remain a place dedicated to the mental and physical security and wellness of the child. It was a home ahead of its time, run as a true democracy, where children were encouraged to express themselves and to take part in the decision-making process.

Under the supervision of staff, the



Above: Leon Gluzman, far left in front row, with Janusz Korczak and other residents, 1927

Right: Leon Gluzman in front of Korczak Orphanage in Warsaw

While economic and social conditions outside the orphanage were bleak and uncertain, 92 Krochmalna would remain a place dedicated to the mental and physical security and wellness of the child.

home maintained a parliament and Court of Justice and even produced its own newspaper. Participation in religious instruction was voluntary but there was a distinct Jewish atmosphere in the orphanage and children were invited to take part in Sabbath and holiday rituals. Korczak was not a religious man but maintained humanitarian principles and a deep sympathy for the needs of children.

In his address to the conference in Warsaw, my father shared these memories. "To me, Janusz Korczak was known as Pan Doctor. I remember him in his white doctor's uniform. He was of medium height, with a bald head, a reddish goatee and piercing blue eyes. Korczak lived like a monk in his book-lined attic room, writing on his father's massive desk and sleeping on an iron cot. I fondly remember the many hours spent in

Korczak's attic pouring out my infantile problems, discussing the plight of my mother and sister. ...Korczak was my best problem-solver; he would listen to me, showing great concern, letting me express my inner feelings. When parting, I was usually rewarded with a chocolate covered cookie and I left with a feeling of relief and serenity."

While in Warsaw, I returned with my father to 92 Krochmalna Street. The building survived the war and it continues to serve as a home for children, administered now by the Polish government. It had been over 60 years since my father had lived in this house, yet he seemed instantly familiar with the surroundings. As we walked through the great front gates and moved closer to the building, my father's cherished memories of the physical beauty of this home could not be rekindled by what was

before us. While a statue of Korczak has been erected on the site, the care and dedication to the upkeep of this facility which would have been demanded by Korczak, was not apparent.

Inside the home, there was a room designated for documents and artifacts associated with the Korczak years, but there were limited efforts to maintain the original structure and integrity of the residence. As we toured the home, it was not the current home administrator who led us through the complex. It was my father who proudly took the lead, moving methodically from room to room, providing commentary as we followed. He was home, and although his home was not as it had been, he was in his rightful place.

As I stood with my father in this home, I more fully realized how remarkable his life had been. In this environment, in this "children's village," he was able to thrive and develop the personal qualities which would benefit him throughout his years. The Gluzman children would also feel Korczak's influence through our father's willingness to listen and his dedication to our development. There is now a little bit of Korczak in all of us and we hope that our children will one day journey to Poland and renew the Gluzman ties to this house at 92 Krochmalna Street.

My father emigrated alone to Canada in 1930, a trip he was to have taken with his father years earlier. He came with the blessings of Korczak and the personal resilience and confidence to build a new life. My father would continue to receive letters from Janusz Korczak and Stefa Wilczinska, the contents of those letters becoming more desperate as conditions deteriorated in Warsaw.

Korczak and his children were forcibly removed to Chłodna Street in the Warsaw Ghetto where they would continue to suffer through sickness and malnutrition. On August 6, 1942, Korczak was forced to gather the 200 children under his care and lead them to the trains that were destined for Treblinka. Korczak remained with his children despite opportunities to flee and he perished with them.

A memorial is nearing completion in honour of Janusz Korczak and Stefa Wilczinska. It is located at Kibbutz Lohamei Hagetaot Yad La Yehid (Ghetto Fighters' House) near Nahariya in northern Galilee. The museum will be utilized as a teaching tool and as a dedication to the 1,500,000 children that perished in the Holocaust.

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SPECIAL

THE HORRORS OF HATE

Racism as human as love, says author of Schindler's List

By Thomas Keneally

The great irony is that people discover race hate the way lovers discover love. It always seems utterly new and fresh to the hater, who like the lover feels that he has invented the emotion. And like love, race hate always expresses itself in the same clichés uttered as if the hater had discovered the principles of the universe. "They take our jobs." "They're everywhere." "They're just too damn different."

Racism is as human as love. In defining ourselves, the tribe we belong to, its mores, we are tempted to believe in the inferiority of the culture and mores of other groups. Prejudice is the hairy backside of what we all need: a sense of identity. Sometimes, the more grand the cultural identity, the greater is the temptation to racism. The officers of the "Einsatzgruppen," the SS killing squads, all loved their Mozart and their Goethe.

Often, particularly in North America, race hate or group hate seems rootless, as in the now famous case of the two young men who attacked a Vietnamese man in Laguna Beach, Calif., because they thought he was gay. It did not seem that the young men had any measurable reason, any damage they could point to or quantify, to explain why they wanted to beat the hell out of either Asians or gays. Did the United States war experiences provide them with a primitive spur? The AIDS epidemic? A long bow to draw to believe that their own immune systems would somehow be strengthened by assaulting a perhaps-gay Vietnamese beach-walker.

History of hate

We often righteously sneer at the racial and religious violence in Northern Ireland and in the Balkans, but hate in both these cases is based on versions of history and measurable blood spilled in the past. There is more than legend to what the Serbs and Croats did to each other since the Middle Ages, and to what Bosnian Muslims may once have done under Turkish rule. Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland can similarly point to historic massacres, even though they may be written too simplistically into their respective maps of the world and their folk songs. In



all cases, the hate is merely augmented rather than caused by religious difference. But at least the Northern Irish Catholics can point to very real injustices and miseries they have suffered. Protestants can point to their own heap of bodies, the real fear of IRA gunmen and of being absorbed into a Republic of Eire in which their civil rights may be curtailed for the sake of Catholic doctrine.

Race hate in North America is not often based on any real disadvantage suffered by the hater. It is based on stereotypes or rumor. But that's all the serpent in the gut needs to start secreting its poison.

Over every question of race or group hate lies the shadow of the Holocaust, and for the moment the Holocaust questions are associated with Steven Spielberg's film of the Holocaust, and for the moment the Holocaust questions are associated with Steven Spielberg's film of the Holocaust, and for the moment the Holocaust questions are associated with Steven Spielberg's film of the Holocaust.

The reason is that the Holocaust is the most extreme version of rootless race hate in European history. Classic European anti-Semitism was based more on the idea that the Jews had killed Christ and were engaged in an anti-European philosophy and financial conspiracy than on any measurable harm done to Europe. No one could point to Jewish massacres of Christians, though in Poland and Germany vague but intense hate was able to be engineered into blaming Jews for

the economic problems of both countries. But who could say, my mother was raped by a Jew, my father hanged by one?

The SS mastered the ultimate challenge of genocide: if you get the hated group where you want them — behind wire — how do you ensure that your now-perfected kingdom isn't sullied by too many corpses lying around and giving mute evidence of what happened to them?

Processing the hated

It's a question of processing the hated group. The Nazis devised the most bureaucratic, most extreme, most technological means of doing that. No question that the Cambodian tyrant Pol Pot would have loved to have been able to organize such methods to punish those of his own people who lacked "political correctness." No question that the tyrant Mengistu of Ethiopia would have loved to have been able to apply a final solution to the Eritreans of the Horn of Africa. But the Nazis really did it, and they were Europeans.

As a European who grew up very far from the scene, I don't feel uselessly guilty about that but I feel amazed and appalled. On a recent Sunday in Chicago, I met an elderly couple, the Schlesingers. A tall, sober-looking man and a small-boned, extremely handsome woman, they had been prisoners in Oskar Schindler's work camps. It struck me again, the ridiculous idea to which all the resources of the Reich were devoted — the idea that European civilization and the Schlesingers

could not be allowed to co-exist. The Schlesingers, urbane and pleasant, could not be permitted to go on breathing. Only Schindler's intervention and their own intelligence ensured that they did continue to breathe.

Maybe one shouldn't be surprised, since the racist always talks of mass extermination. The last situation on the hate line in his head is always something like Auschwitz, which stands as the most graphic instance of the kind of place to which hatred takes people.

And now the further great irony is that Jews like Steven Spielberg are actually blamed for remembering, for reviving the memory that is not only Jewish but human. The Jews, we are told by the haters, remember their disasters in a particularly and hatefully Jewish way. And what about the fact that the Israeli right wing uses the Holocaust as a sanction for the persecution of Palestinians? Instead of addressing that real political problem, let's work on forgetting the Holocaust as fast as we can. Christians are allowed to remember the Crucifixion of their Messiah, which occurred some time in the first century A.D.; Jews should be disqualified from remembering their dead of 1939-1945 because they are too good at it, too damn... Jewish!

But the Holocaust remains for me not a Jewish problem but a European one. The Germans themselves are grappling with a conflict about this among their historians — how to fit this unique event into German history, into the German and European imagination. And that is not the Jews' fault. It is the fault of Europe, which has pursued anti-Semitism consistently since the Middle Ages and has still not yet repented of it. It is the grand Europe that ail of us people from the new world love to visit and rightly admire that brought race hate to its ultimate conclusion. That is why it is important for gentiles to retain the memory of the Holocaust, and to receive the warnings inherent in it.

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REPORT FROM ISRAEL

Israeli president's visit to Turkey augurs change in regional relations

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The fruits of peace are already ripening for Israel, even before formal peace arrangements have been signed.

One such fruit was plucked in late December, when Israeli and the Vatican established full diplomatic ties.

Israel's willingness to negotiate with the Palestinians bore a second fruit in late January, when Israeli President Ezer Weizman visited Turkey. It was the first state visit to Turkey by an Israeli president.

Turkey has a population approaching 60 million, its army numbers more than one million, the largest in NATO. With its vast size straddling the seam between Europe and Asia, Turkey is a major player in the Middle East region and a force to be reckoned with on the world scene.

The fact that the bulk of its people are Muslim — even though the state itself is secular — gives added meaning to the Weizman visit.

Along with Iran and Ethiopia, Turkey is one of three non-Arab powers that bring considerable weight to bear on Middle East politics.

Over the past decades, Israel's relations with each of these three countries have followed a roller-coaster course.

The highs and lows were shaped at times by events within each of the three countries — revolutions, coups, Soviet influence and so forth — and at other times by the intensity of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

All three have their own long-standing feuds with various elements in the Arab world. But all three have been loath to risk exacerbating these problems by focusing too much attention on their ties to Israel.

Turkey and Israel always had diplomatic ties, although not until recently did they upgrade them to full relations. And in the early 1980s, their ties plunged — at Turkey's insistence — to the exchange of low-ranking diplomats.

Similarly, Turkish President Suleiman Demirel, who went out of his way to demonstrate the warmth of his welcome for Weizman, showed a markedly cooler attitude when he was prime minister during the 1970s and 1980s.

Nevertheless, beneath the generally cool surface of the relationship, both sides have quietly recognized the confluence of interests that exist between them, whether in strategic terms or in terms of combating terrorism.

BGU, UCLA hold conference on challenge of the frontier

Scientists and senior officials from Gaza, Egypt and Jordan were among the 150 participants from all over the world who took part, together with their Israeli colleagues, in a major conference on the problems and opportunities facing the world's frontier regions.

The conference was held in the Negev December 27-30, under the sponsorship of UCLA and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and was the inaugural event of BGU's new Negev Centre for Regional Development, headed by Professor Yehuda Gradus.

Professor Harvey Litwick of Ottawa, living in Israel on a semi-permanent basis, is a Senior Fellow at the Negev Centre. He worked closely with Gradus in planning, organizing and implementing the conference.

The four-day meeting was dedicated to the vision of David Ben-Gurion, whose dream for the Negev was a challenging one still remaining to be realized.

One of the major themes underlying the conference was the peace process. A special session, chaired by BGU President, Dr. Avishay Braverman, was devoted to the potential impact of peace on the development of frontier regions in the Middle East. Several sessions were

devoted to the tourism potential of desert areas, with special reference to multinational cooperation in tourism development in the Red Sea basin.

"The conference discussed a broad spectrum of issues and problems relating to frontier areas which differ widely in many of the attributes," said Professor Gradus, "but there is a common thread linking them all — from the Sahara desert to the Siberian tundra. They are characterized by their distance from economic and political centres, by a sensitive ecological environment, by large native populations, by neglect on the part of the central government and by lagging development. The message of this conference is that the problems of frontier regions must be fully understood, since these are the areas for future development for the benefit of all mankind."

"The mandate of the Negev Centre is to foster initiatives and shape policies which will encourage the development of the Negev," says Professor Gradus. "And when peace comes, we will be delighted to face the challenge and work with our colleagues across the borders for the development of the entire region."



Israel schoolboy selects a mask for Purim

Women lose; pluralism gains in court's religion rulings

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's Supreme Court has issued two important rulings on religious pluralism: one rejecting a petition by women to conduct prayer services at the Western Wall and another saying that local religious councils cannot bar non-Orthodox members.

On January 26, the Supreme Court turned down the petition of the women, who sought to pray aloud at the Western Wall in the face of violent opposition by fervently orthodox groups.

Nevertheless, the Women of the Wall, as they have come to be called, claimed a partial victory. They pointed to the court's call for the establishment of a government committee to investigate the matter and to find a way to balance the needs and sensitivities of all the worshippers at the Wall.

Rabbi Simha Meron, a lawyer and former director of Israel's rabbinical courts,

helped represent the Orthodox position in the case.

He expressed confidence that the government committee would "find ways around" the women's claim that they have a right to pray the same way men do, which he said is "not according to halacha," or traditional Jewish law.

Until the committee renders its decision, he said, religious activities at the Wall will continue to fall under the Orthodox rabbinate's authority.

The women's petition was filed in 1989, several months after the group of mostly orthodox women began to pray together each Rosh Chodesh, or new month, in the women's section of the Wall. They sang aloud, wore prayer shawls and read from the Torah in the same fashion as the men on the other side of the low partition dividing the two sections.

Each time the women

prayed, they were harassed by fervently Orthodox groups who claimed the women were violating Jewish law.

They also maintained that because the women were praying with raised voices, they were distracting the men from worship. They said women are permitted and even encouraged to pray at the Wall but should do so silently.

The hostility culminated in a violent attack on the women in March 1989 when police were called in to disperse the crowds with tear gas.

The women subsequently filed their petition with the Supreme Court, calling for the Religious Affairs Ministry, the chief rabbis, the police and fervently orthodox political parties to show why the authorities failed to protect them as they exercised their right to pray as they saw fit.



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AROUND THE WORLD

France

Touvier to be tried for crimes against humanity

PARIS (JTA) — French wartime collaborator Paul Touvier will go on trial for crimes against humanity on March 17 in the Versailles Court of Justice.

Touvier, 79, was the intelligence chief of the collaborationist Vichy regime's militia in Lyon during World War II. He was twice sentenced in absentia to death following the war.

But he managed to avoid arrest for 25 years by seeking refuge in French convents that showed sympathy to right-wing causes.

His Catholic supporters eventually succeeded in convincing then President Georges Pompidou to pardon him in the early 1970s.

Although kept secret, the pardon was discovered a few months later by former members of the French Resistance, and the case was given wide publicity in the media.

New charges were subsequently pressed against Touvier, who again returned to hiding.

Touvier was finally arrested in 1989 at a convent in Nice and jailed until 1991, when he was released because of reported bad health.

Touvier will now be tried on only one count: He admittedly picked seven Jewish hostages who were shot on June 29, 1944 in the southeastern town of Rillieux-la-Pape to avenge the murder of Philippe Henriot, the Vichy propaganda minister.

Families of other Jewish victims had sought to have Touvier brought up on additional charges, but the courts ruled that those charges would fall under the category of war crimes, which are covered by the statute of limitations.

In March, Touvier will face charges of crimes against humanity, which do not fall under the statute

of limitations.

Touvier is currently free on bail, but he must report his whereabouts to the police on a regular basis.

Touvier was the third French citizen charged with crimes against humanity.

The first was Maurice Papon, a senior official in the Vichy Interior Ministry who ordered the arrest and deportation of hundreds of Jews, including children, in the Bordeaux area.

By virtue of his actions, France became the only European country to arrest and deport Jews from areas that were not occupied by the Nazis.

French Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld said the French judicial authorities are doing their best to delay the Papon case. "The judges are afraid to throw the case out of court, and at the same time they will not put Papon on trial," he said.

Papon was indicted over 12 years ago, but due to technicalities he was never brought to trial.

Papon later became head of the Paris police and served as a Cabinet minister under President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

Another French citizen charged with crimes against humanity was René Bousquet, the Vichy chief of police. He ordered the infamous "Vel d'Hiver" roundup of Jews in Paris in 1942.

Bousquet was murdered last June by a non-Jewish man deemed mentally unbalanced by police authorities.

Gestapo police chief Klaus Barbie, a German, was sentenced in 1987 by a French court to life imprisonment for crimes against humanity. He died of cancer in a French prison in 1991.

Jews sue L'Oreal Cosmetics for boycott compliance and bribery

NEW YORK (JTA) — A \$100 million civil action suit has been filed by two French brothers against L'Oreal, alleging that the world's largest cosmetics manufacturer bribed Syrian authorities to get off the blacklist of companies that comply with the Arab boycott of Israel.

The suit, filed Feb. 2 in New York State Supreme Court by Jean and David Frydman, also charges fraud, saying the firm forged papers to remove Jean Frydman from L'Oreal's board because he was a resident of Israel.

The suit was filed in New York because, the brothers say, New York State and U.S. anti-boycott law were violated by L'Oreal's American licen-

see, Cosmair.

The Frydmans also recently filed a complaint against L'Oreal with the U.S. Office of Boycott Compliance in Washington. The New York suit is the latest leg in a convoluted saga that travels from Paris to Israel and the United States.

Cosmair issued a statement saying that the complaint "clearly misstates" the U.S. firm's activities.

The firm said, "Cosmair, Inc. is a U.S. company operating exclusively on the American market" and "has no business interest in the Middle East."

Moreover, it said, "Cosmair has a longstanding policy forbidding discrimination on any grounds including race, creed and nationality."

And it denied ties to a deceased chief executive of L'Oreal who served prison time for war crimes.

Will Maslow, who is editor of the Boycott Report published by the American Jewish Congress and who has been an advisor to the Frydman family, said, "We're delighted that the suit has been brought and we hope that the American courts will provide the Frydman brothers with the justice that the French courts were unable to give them."

Jean Frydman, who lives in Israel and also retains French citizenship, was a board member in France of L'Oreal and was also a longtime friend of L'Oreal chairman Francois Dalle.

In 1990, the two entered into a

separate business arrangement to set up a film company called Paravision. Some of the funds for establishing the company were to be provided by L'Oreal.

It has been inferred, but never proven, that the Damascus-based Arab League Boycott office was incensed by this arrangement with an Israeli, Frydman, and placed L'Oreal on the blacklist.

But a French lawyer who has perused documents regarding L'Oreal claimed that money changed hands to remove the company from the blacklist and gave written substantiation of a list of charges the Frydmans have made against the company.

United States

Lubavitch library books return on Air Force One

NEW YORK (JTA) — When President Clinton returned to Washington in January from his European trip, seven rare books accompanied him on Air Force One.

The books were from the highly sought-after Lubavitch library that had been confiscated by the Russian State Library some seven decades ago.

A team of Lubavitcher Chasidim, led by Rabbi Boruch Shlomo Cunin of Los Angeles, has been endeavoring to bring the books — all 12,000 of them — to the Lubavitcher rebbe in Brooklyn.

Cunin returned to Moscow for Clinton's summit with Russian President Boris Yeltsin. "President Clinton pushed them (the Russians) very hard" on the books, the rabbi said.

Cunin also met with Strobe Talbott, U.S. ambassador at large and Russia specialist.

Talbott has been an integral part of an international effort to obtain the library, which has scarcely any monetary value but is priceless to the Chabad Lubavitch movement.

The seven books — another book from the collection was obtained by Vice President Al Gore in December — were brought to Amer-

ica on a circuitous route.

This latest delivery of books was turned over by the Russians not to the Lubavitch community but to the Library of Congress, which had requested the books from the Russian State Library on behalf of the Lubavitchers.

On January 27, Cunin and the senators gathered at a meeting at the Library of Congress that was hosted by James Billington, the chief librarian, and including Russian Ambassador Vladimir Lukin.

The senators praised the Russians for turning over the seven books, but Cunin called it "a beautiful gesture but nothing more than a gesture."

The rabbi said the Russian ambassador promised that day that by the following morning he would "arrange to have the books released" to the Lubavitchers and "work immediately to free the entire collection."

The seven books were released as promised, and Cunin brought them to the rebbe in Brooklyn.

Cunin has now also enlisted the attention of UNESCO, which just held a weeklong meeting in Moscow to discuss repatriating the Russian State Library.

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AROUND THE WORLD

Bosnia

JDC evacuates 296 amid the shelling

ROME (JTA) — Just hours after a mortar killed more than 65 people in the worst atrocity committed in the 22-month siege of Sarajevo, a Jewish-organized, multi-ethnic convoy successfully brought nearly 300 people from the embattled Bosnian city.

The six-bus convoy, organized by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in partnership with Sarajevo's Jewish La Benevolencia organization, brought 296 Jews, Croats, Serbs and Muslims on a tortuous overland journey overnight from Sarajevo to Makarska, on the Croatian coast, where JDC maintains a refugee centre, JDC officials said.

The group included men and women of all ages, and a few children. Among the evacuees was an elderly Muslim woman who has been designated a Righteous Gentile and her family, who have been invited to live in Israel.

About one-third of the evacuees were Jewish, leaving 300 to 350 Jews in the city, the JDC said.

Jewish evacuees who want to go to Israel are being processed in Makarska by the Jewish Agency.

"We are so happy to have been able to bring this convoy out," JDC President Ambassador Milton Wolf told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by telephone from Makarska.

"The convoy brought out not only Jews but a multi-ethnic group that included Christian Serbs and Croats as well as Muslims," said Wolf, a former U.S. ambassador who had flown in from New York to supervise the operation and was on hand to meet the evacuees.

"Our joy in bringing out the convoy, however, is tarnished by the terrible tragedy of the shelling," he said. "It took place as our convoy was preparing for departure, and people who just got off the buses say it

was horrible."

Wolf extended thanks to the governments of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia, to Serbian forces, to the U.N. protection force, and to the Jewish communities of Sarajevo and Zagreb, Croatia, for their help in setting up and making possible the evacuation.

He also thanked the government of France, the European Jewish Congress and the Central British Fund of London for their help.

The first of the six-convoy buses was just leaving Sarajevo at 12:30 pm February 5 when deadly mortar shells hit Sarajevo's central market, killing and injuring hundreds.

The last bus left Sarajevo at 4 pm Saturday and arrived at Makarska at 10:30 am Sunday, he said.

Torrential rains and mudslides on the narrow winding roads across the mountains slowed the convoy and disrupted radio telephone contact between the buses and Makarska, Wolf said.

In the first bus was Zanjiba Hartaga-Susic, 77, along with her daughter, Aida, her son-in-law, Branumir, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, and her 10-year-old granddaughter, Stella.

Hartaga-Susic is a Muslim who was designated a Righteous Gentile by Yad Vashem in recognition of her rescue of Jews during World War II.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres personally intervened to help gain permission for Hartaga-Susic and her family to be evacuated, by formally inviting all of them to live in Israel.

The evacuation convoy was the latest in a series of air and land evacuations executed by the JDC, the operational organization for overseas Jewish aid, since the beginning of hostilities in Bosnia.

L.A. Jewish community mobilizes in face of earthquake's devastation

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — In the wake of the January 17 earthquake here, leaders of the Jewish community are scrambling to re-establish communications and assess the toll on life and property.

Based on the list of the earthquake's 57 victims, and reports by rabbis and others, it is believed that at least 12 Jews lost their lives. The oldest was 89, and the youngest a 5-year-old girl.

Cost of property damage to Jewish communal institutions is estimated at between \$15 million and \$20 million, according to John Fishel, executive vice president of the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles.

Fishel also believes that about 150,000 Jewish residents of the metropolitan Los Angeles area, or one out of every four, suffered some personal or property loss.

Among the hardest hit institutions have been the University of Judaism, which estimates it is looking at a repair bill of \$1 million to \$2 million; the Brandeis-Bardin Institute, which lost its historic main building; and the Bernard Milken Community Campus, housing the main Jewish agencies for the western San Fernando Valley.

Conservative Temple Valley Beth Shalom in Encino sustained up to \$400,000 in damages. The temple's rabbi, Harold Shulweis, lik-

ened the quake to "a dybbuk (or demonic spirit), full of sound and fury."

The Simon Wiesenthal Center and its newly opened Museum of Tolerance, built according to the latest earthquake specifications, suffered \$75,000 in damages.

Because of the erratic force and path of the quake, three institutions that were closest to the epicenter in Northridge suffered only minor damage: Hillel House on the California State University campus, Chabad Center and the Abraham Heschel Day School.

"The people here are responding remarkably and hanging together. It's an amazing feeling," said Rabbi Gary Greenbaum, who doubles as president of the L.A. Police Commission and as Western regional director of the American Jewish Committee.

The Jewish Community Building on Wilshire Boulevard converted a bank of telephone lines that was installed for the United Jewish Fund's Feb. 6 Super Sunday drive to an emergency hotline.

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Jewish Property Restitution Law
passed by Czech government

According to the Czech weekly newspaper *Carolina*, the Czech government has voted in favor of a bill proposed in parliament concerning restitution of Jewish property seized during World War II.

Under the bill, original owners should get back all property now owned by the state.

Of property now owned by municipalities former owners should get back only synagogues, houses of prayer and cemeteries.

According to Prime Minister Vaclav Klaus, the government recommended a preamble to the law that would

clearly point out the exceptionality of this law to prevent people from viewing it as a precedent.

Current restitution laws cover seizures only after February, 1948, which excludes Jews who lost property during the Nazi era.

Minister of Interior Jan Ruml, a member of the Civic Democratic Party (CDS) joined members of the other coalition parties in the government to pass the bill.

Klaus and ODS members recommended against its passage. ODS holds a 10-9 lead over other coalition members in the government.

CANADA

New study reports major changes in the Canadian Jewish community

MONTREAL (JTA) — A demographic study by a McGill University professor shows a significant change has taken place in the nature and shape of the Canadian Jewish community during the last decade.

Taken from Canada's 1991 national census — which put the country's Jewish population at 356,315 — the study by sociology professor Jim Torczyner shows that the Jewish community has experienced greater growth and higher rates of immigration than the Canadian community as a whole.

The study's findings indicate that Toronto has become the Jewish capital of Canada, with 45 percent of the nation's Jews residing there. In 1981, 120,000 Jews called Toronto home, compared to 160,000 in 1991.

Montreal was the main Jewish population center in Canada 20 years ago, but now has 101,000 Jews.

The study also bears witness to the serious problem of poverty among Jews, although Torczyner points out that "there's a lot more to the study than issues of Jewish poverty."

The study indicates that poverty levels among Jews have become indistinguishable from those among non-Jewish Canadians.

According to the 1991 census, one out of every six Jews, or 15.7 percent, was either living below the poverty line or close to it.

The figure is 18.6 percent for the Canadian population as a whole.

In both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities, an increasing percentage of the poor are women, people who live alone, single-parent

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families and the elderly. A large percentage of those designated as impoverished were employed.

Poverty rates showed nationwide fluctuations which were similar for both the Jewish and general population. Montreal had the highest rate of poverty for both Jews and non-Jews. Ottawa and Halifax had the lowest rates.

Torczyner made headlines two years ago when he unveiled another study which showed that poverty was not just an issue affecting non-Jewish communities.

The current study uses a unique definition of who is a Jew.

"We designed a definition according to the census that has been accepted by all federations across Canada," said Torczyner.

The Canadian census asked Canadians the question, "To which ethnic or cultural group(s) did your ancestors belong?" and "To which religion or denomination do you belong?"

Respondents were permitted to choose only one religion, but up to four ethnic groups.

Torczyner had previously developed a definition of Jewishness according to a respondent's identification as Jewish by religion, Jewish by ethnic religion or Jewish by ethnic

origin alone.

Those who responded that they were Jewish by ethnicity while at the same time stating they belonged to another ethnic group or groups were not considered Jewish.

Because of the wider latitude he used to determine Jewishness, the actual numbers of Jews in Canada according to the study is higher than previously accepted figures.

When asked whether ethnicity is a reliable indicator, Torczyner admitted that people generally accept religion as the most reliable indicator.

"In communities where you have higher religious identification, you have lower rates of intermarriage, for example," he pointed out. "But this definition was also used in the 1981 census, so it's consistent."

Immigration was shown to have had the most major impact on the size of certain Jewish communities in Canada.

More than 30,000 Jews immigrated to Canada between 1981 and 1991, resulting in an 8.75 percent increase in the size of the Canadian Jewish community.

One in four of the immigrants was born in the former Soviet Union. Israel was the second most frequent country of origin, accounting for 20 percent of the immigration.

Fourteen percent of the immigrants were born in the United States, while 11 percent originated in South Africa.

Almost 80 percent of the immigrants moved to either Toronto, which had 16,855 immigrants, or Montreal, with 8,785.

In Toronto, the influx of immigrants accounted for almost half the

Jewish growth rate, while in Montreal they prevented a more drastic population loss from the community than actually occurred.

Smaller Jewish population centers in Canada received fewer immigrants. Halifax, Hamilton and Ottawa each had fewer than 500 immigrants during the last decade, accounting for less than 5 percent of the Jewish communities there. In Edmonton and Calgary, one out of every eight community members, or 12.5 percent, were immigrants.

Despite higher rates of immigration, Jews showed lower rates of migration between Canada's provinces.

Seventy-five percent of all Jews did not move to a different province, compared to 71 percent of all Canadians. Toronto (2,830), Montreal (1,065) and Vancouver (1,025) received the highest influx of Jews from other provinces.

In terms of Jewish population growth in the country, most major communities have experienced increases.

In addition to Toronto, other cities including Ottawa, Vancouver, Halifax, Calgary, Edmonton, London and Hamilton also experienced growth, with Vancouver leading the group with a percentage increase of 31 percent.

Montreal, Windsor and Winnipeg experienced declines in their Jewish populations. Only 2.1 percent of the Jewish community left Montreal during the decade studied, far fewer than anticipated or hinted at in the media. The figure was higher for Windsor, with an approximate 17 percent decline and Winnipeg, declining 7 percent.

ACROSS CANADA

Jewish schools face funding cuts

CALGARY — The Alberta government's cost cutting measures recently announced are having significant impact on Jewish institutions in Calgary. Both day schools, the Calgary Jewish Academy and Akiva Academy are facing 12.5% cuts in government funding over the next two years. Increases in tuition fees are inevitable.

Catholic school performing Fiddler

CALGARY — A Catholic high school here is staging *Fiddler on the Roof* as its major production in March. Over 250 students at St. Francis High School are involved in all phases of the production. To ensure that the production would be in keeping with Jewish traditions, history and faith, the school enlisted the help of members of the Jewish community. Teacher Jean MacEachern said that the students are learning while acting and having fun. "We now have a better understanding of the plight of the Jew and for it we are better Christians," she said.

Board OKs David Irving video

VANCOUVER — The B.C. film classification board has approved a videotape featuring British Holocaust revisionist David Irving. Titled *Search for Truth*, the 85-minute long video reflects Irving's views on the "Holocaust legend." The B.C. film classification board says it doesn't censor films.

Jewish community buys 16 acres

WINNIPEG — The Province of Manitoba announced January 20, the sale of 16 acres of provincially-owned land to the Jewish Community Campus in Winnipeg, Inc. The \$18 million campus will be located in Tuxedo, a few blocks east of Assiniboine Park. It will house a new Jewish Community Centre, elementary and high school and other community institutions. Construction is expected to begin no later than spring, 1995, with completion targeted for late summer 1996.

Catholic bishops, CJC celebrate Israel-Vatican accord

Pope hopes wall to be site of reconciliation, not tears

ROME (JTA) — Pope John Paul II hopes Jerusalem becomes "a significant center of peace."

He also hinted again that he hoped to make a trip to the Holy Land soon. The pope said he wanted to make a pilgrimage to major biblical sites, and he has spoken frequently about his desire to visit Jerusalem.

Israel and the Vatican formally recognized each other over a month ago, making such a trip probable.

In his sermon during a mass in St. Peter's Basilica, the pope said he carried the thought of Jerusalem with him during his many trips around the world. He said he "looked toward Jerusalem with love" and knelt in respect for its holy sites.

"May that wall, the remains of the ancient temple of Solomon, stop being the Walling Wall and become a place of peace and reconciliation for the believers in the one true God," he said.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC), with the participation of Canadian Jewish Congress, hosted a historic *vin d'honneur* Thursday January 27 at the Circle Universitaire in Ottawa to celebrate the fundamental agreement signed between the State of Israel and the Vatican.

Guests of honor at the ceremony were the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Carlo Curis, and Israel's Ambassador to Canada Itzhak Shelef. CCCC President, Bishop Jean-Guy Hamelin welcomed the accord, concluded December 30 in Jerusalem. "Looking to the future," he said, "this accord already seems to mark a new era, not only in relations between the Holy See and the State of Israel, but between Catholics and Jews. Although written in the form of a juridical and bilateral instrument, it has an international scope in the way in which it treats such fundamental questions as the struggle against all forms of racism, the refusal to accept violence and the elimination of religious and other forms of violence."

Ambassador Shelef alluded to the fact the ceremony, organized by the CCCC, took place 90 years and two days after the first meeting between a Pope and a Jewish leader. Stated the ambassa-

der: "On January 25, 1904 Theodore Herzl, who established the Jewish national movement, came to Rome to meet with Pope Pius X. The meeting was cordial, but unfortunately it did not yield positive results. This agreement shows how far we have come."

The Papal Nuncio was delighted to participate in the ceremony, emphasizing that he served as Apostolic Delegate to Jerusalem from 1984 to 1990. "This accord is a wonderful starting point," he remarked. "The next step will be full diplomatic relations."

CJC Executive Vice-President Alan Rose emphasized that he has been meeting with the Pope's representatives in Canada for the better part of 25 years on this issue. When Pope John Paul II came to Canada 10 years ago Mr. Rose met with him personally. "I told him, said Mr. Rose, "that it was unacceptable for the Vatican not to recognize Israel. We pressed for a long time to see this accord and the support we received from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops was greatly appreciated."

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In memory of Matt Ages by Gail and Stephen Victor.

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In Appreciation

My sincere thanks to all those who expressed their kind words of sympathy and made generous contributions in memory of my father Bernie Itscovitch. Please consider this my personal thank you.

Jodie Gencher

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I wish to express my sincere thanks to all those who called, sent cards and made donations during my recent illness.

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CJC seeks leave to appeal Ross case to Supreme Court

MONCTON — Canadian Jewish Congress has announced that it will seek leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada the New Brunswick Court of Appeal decision which opened the door for Malcolm Ross' possible return to teaching despite his anti-Semitic writings.

Congress President Irving Abella and National Community Relations Chair Hal Joffe emphasized that this CJC action supports the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission which voted in favor of taking the matter to the Supreme Court.

Stated Mr. Joffe: "We believe that the original decision of the Provincial Human Rights Inquiry was just and proper. Clearly, Mal-

colm Ross is a public anti-Semite. The possibility of him returning to a public school classroom is anathema to Canadian society and would have a chilling impact on all vulnerable minorities. Therefore, an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada is essential."

CJC received intervenor status in the December 16, 1991 judicial review hearing by the New Brunswick Human Rights Inquiry. Congress, represented by Counsel Joel Richler, also presented submissions to the New Brunswick Court of Appeal in September 1992. It was Moncton parent David Attis, presently associate chair of the CJC National Executive, who launched the proceedings against Ross in 1988.

Press council backs paper's right to reject Holocaust-denial letters

SYDNEY — (JTA) The Australian Press Council has upheld a newspaper's right to reject letters from Holocaust-deniers.

Australian Holocaust-denier John Bennett had filed a formal complaint with the council claiming that the Melbourne daily newspaper *The Age* had failed to publish letters and articles by supporters of British writer David Irving that purported to "prove" the Holocaust never took place.

Irving, a leading Holocaust-denier, has been a much-discussed figure here, following the Australian government's preliminary refusal to grant him a visa to enter the country.

The Age defended its decision not to publish three letters and one article on the

grounds that they were not relevant to the issue of the government's unwillingness to grant Irving a visa.

That issue, said *The Age*, was what was being debated in its columns and letters section, not whether the Holocaust took place.

The Age also argued that while it does not exercise political censorship, it has no responsibility to allow individuals "to put (forth) views which a large number of community members would regard as racist or offensive."

The articles and letters supporting Irving had been submitted to *The Age* by the Australian Civil Liberties Union, a small organization that has no affiliation with recognized civil liberties organizations.

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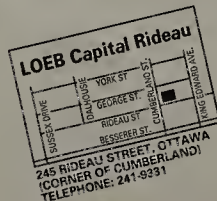
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<p>Jewish Community Centre/Jewish Family Services Grand Opening of Seniors Drop-In Lounge, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Golden Age Club Purim Luncheon, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel, 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>United Jewish Appeal Telethon, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Jewish Family Services Community Forum, "Violence in the Jewish Home", Machzikei Hadas Synagogue, 2310 Virginia Drive, 8:15 p.m.</p> <p> Shalom Ottawa, 10:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Jewish Community Centre, Shit-Arm: Songs of our People, Jewish Community Centre, 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Jewish Community Centre Diner, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>United Jewish Appeal Telethon, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Jewish Community Centre/Jewish Family Services, J.A.C.S. Meeting, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p> Shalom Ottawa, 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>READING OF MEGILLAH (at night)</p>	<p> CANDELLIGHTING BEFORE 5:23 P.M.</p> <p>PURIM</p>	<p>Hadassah-WIZO Motie Belcherman Chapter "Trivia Night", Dovercourt Community Centre, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Sephardi Association Gala Evening, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Jewish National Fund (Pushka) Exchange, Young Israel of Ottawa, 627 Kirkwood Avenue, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>United Jewish Appeal Super Sweep Telethon, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Israeli Film Festival, Museum of Nature, Metcalfe and McLeod Street, 7:00 p.m.</p>
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28	TUESDAY, MARCH 1	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2	THURSDAY, MARCH 3	FRIDAY, MARCH 4	SATURDAY, MARCH 5	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13
<p>Golden Age Club Meeting, "Ask The Rebbeitzin" with Chey Fine, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Jewish Community Centre Shit-Arm: Songs of our People, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Jewish Community Centre Drop-In Diner, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>United Jewish Appeal Women's Business and Professional Division, Program on "Seder", Embassy West Hotel, 1400 Carling Avenue, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Jewish Community Centre/Jewish Family Services J.A.C.S. Meeting, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.</p>		<p> CANDELLIGHTING BEFORE 5:33 P.M.</p>	<p>Hillel Academy PTABlack and White Bingo, 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Temple Israel Adult Education Bagel Breakfast and Program: Film and Discussion: "The Nasty Girl", Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Jewish Community Centre Concert Band, Big Band Dance, Agudath Israel Synagogue, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 8:00 p.m.</p>

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50th Anniversary of a Heroic National Effort

15,000 children write 'Thank You, Denmark' for rescuing Danish Jews from the Nazis

NEW YORK — How do you say "thank you" to a nation that saved 8,000 Jews from extermination 50 years ago? Children from Reform Jewish congregations across the United States and Canada and several foreign countries found a way last fall: they wrote more than 15,000 letters to Queen Margarethe II, of Denmark, granddaughter of King Christian X — the monarch who led the massive rescue effort in 1943 to save the Danish Jewish population from the Nazis.

At a recent ceremony at the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), the letters were presented to Lelf Donde, consul-general of Denmark in New York, who accepted them on behalf of the Queen.

The letters will be displayed at the Danish Resistance Museum in Copenhagen. As a child of six, the consul-general, a Danish Jew, was himself saved by the rescue effort half a century ago.



Six youngsters who wrote letters are shown with some of the 15,000 letters received from children around the world. Third from left is Lelf Donde, Denmark's Consul-General in New York, who received the letters on the Queen's behalf.

The story of the legendary rescue began in 1943, shortly before the Jewish High Holiday of Rosh Hashanah, when George Duckwitz, a German marine attaché in occupied Denmark, learned of a Nazi order to ship all Danish Jews to concentra-

tion camps. He tipped off a Danish official, who, in turn, alerted the Jewish community, which numbered 8,000.

The German army commander in Denmark, General Hermann von Hanneken — like Duckwitz — apparently opposed the Nazi per-

secution of Jews. He refused to cooperate in enforcing the Nazi directive and ordered his troops not to round up or arrest Jews, forcing the Gestapo to do the work of going door to door themselves.

The Swedish government then proposed to take in all of the Danish Jews, but the Nazis rejected the offer. The Danes then hastily and secretly organized an underground network to ferry their Jewish fellow-citizens to neutral Sweden.

Men and women from all walks of life took part, providing money, hiding places, secret transportation to the docks and ferry service to Sweden across the Sund waterway.

Even Germans like Duckwitz and von Hanneken — apparently influenced by the attitude and actions of the Danes — cooperated passively, by looking the other way, or actively, by providing information, advice or deliberately obstructing the Gestapo's efforts.

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